

The Trnava region is located in the most economically developed part of western Slovakia, a fact demonstrated by its excellent transport connections. It is located on the borders of three other countries. It directly neighbours Czech Republic to the north, Austria to the northwest and Hungary to the south. It is conveniently located very close to several other major cities. Trnava, the Capital of the region is

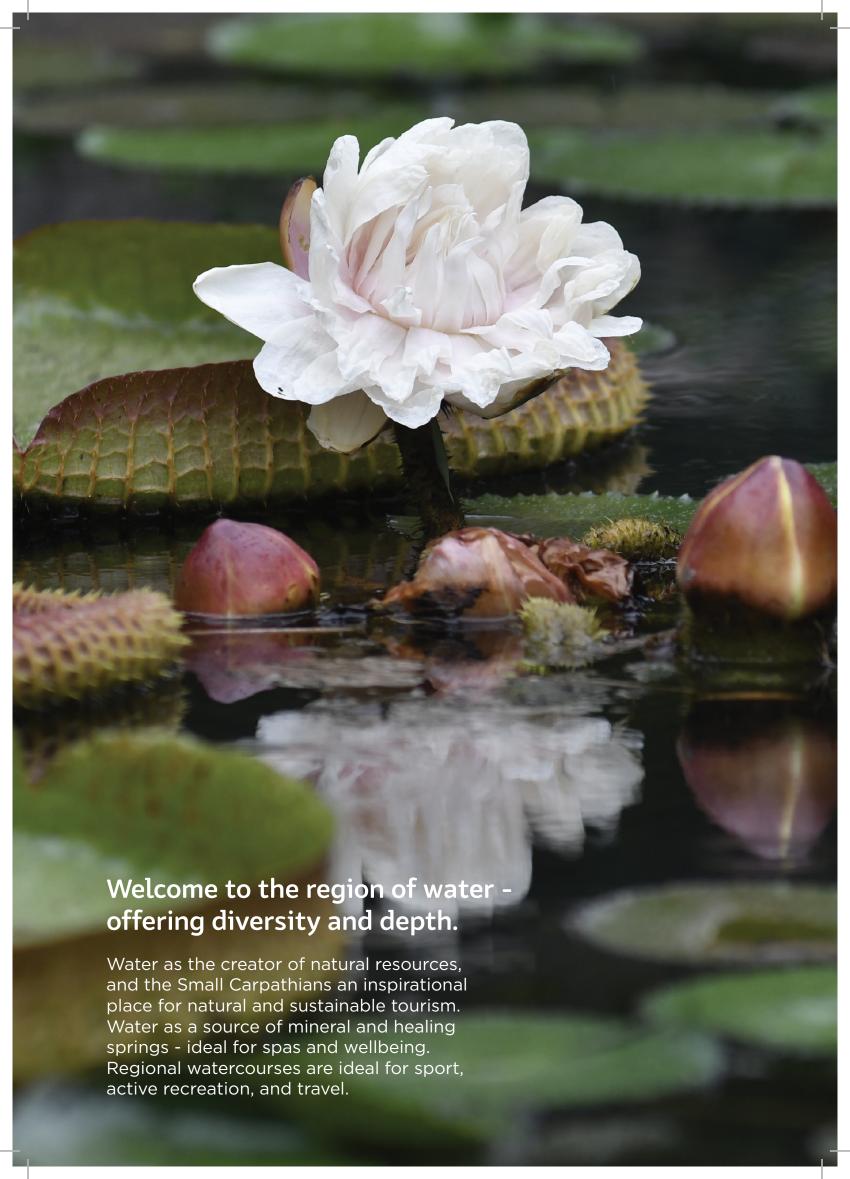
- 45 km from Bratislava (international airport)
- 110 km from Vienna (international airport)
- 215 km from Budapest (international airport)
- 400 km from Prague (international airport)

All of these cities are connected to Trnava by multi-lane highways and regular international express trains. Trnava region is linked to the European network of international routes and highways: via highway E65 (D2) to the Czech Republic and via the international routes E75 and E58 to Austria; route E75 continues through Slovakia on to Poland and Ukraine.

These all are the prerequisites for high quality living standards and wellbeing. A tranquil natural environment provides excellent conditions for healthy living and spending free time in harmony with the great outdoors.

Europe's largest inland island (Danube Island) is Europe's largest drinking water reserve. Rivers are this region's glory. Their clean waters enable thriving locally-produced wines, honey, and other treasures.







Reasons to choose the Trnava Region

- An exciting new destination near capital city Bratislava
- Vibrant multicultural-friendly destination
- Safe destination with own small international airport with special home-feeling atmosphere
- Your favourite services at a great price
- **5** Everything nearby
- Pleasant Central European climate
- Soothing green environment

Unique experience in Trnava Region



- 1. History of European noble families and their luxurious settlements
- 2. World-famous health spas and wellness facilities
- 3. World-famous beekeeping and honey production
- 4. Hunting, fishing and falconary
- 5. Culture, art and modern design
- 6. Nature friendly environment suitable for hiking and mountain biking
- 7. World famous sport facilities international modern resort x-bionic® sphere with horse-riding center, popular golf courses across region
- 8. Rich water resources drinking water, mineral springs on Rye Island

Historical hits in Trnava - the regional capital

Be enchanted by **Trnava**'s beauty and fascinating history. The beginnings of the first free royal city on the territory of today's Slovakia date back to the 13th century. Discover historic streets interspersed with stories and legends, town houses, and city walls that still surround the historic city center like a mighty stone fortress. The Renaissance city tower with unique mechanical clockwork gives splendid views over the city. Baroque Trnava University enhances the atmosphere of a lively university town bustling with students. With its 11 churches (including two synagogues), Trnava is also widely known as Small (Slovak) Rome. A city tour with period-dressed guides is the perfect way to delve into the fascinating legends and see all the key sights.









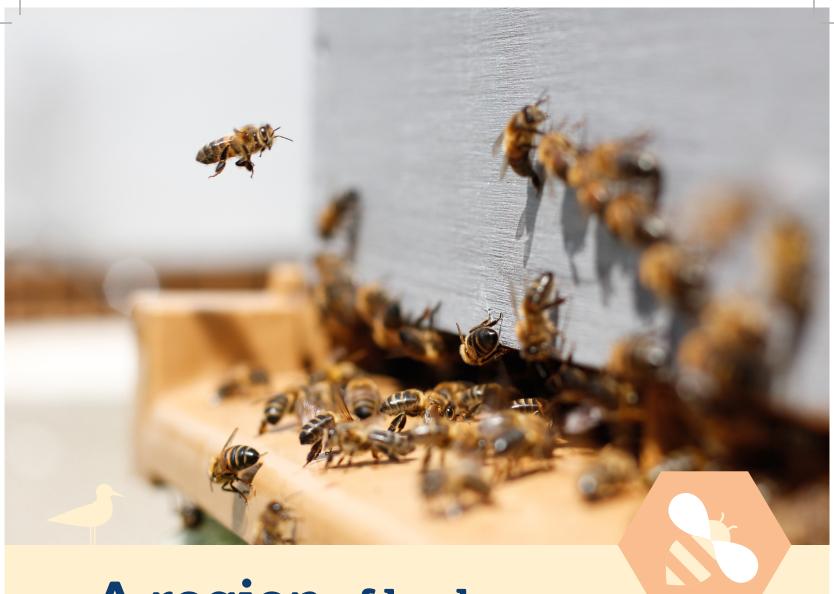
Discover the **spa town of Piešťany**, world-famous for its healing geothermal water and sulfur mud. Easily accessible thanks to nearby Piešťany Airport. Fly into Piešťany and enjoy a short comfortable drive to Spa Island. This spa complex is one of Europe's largest and most exceptional. Hot mineral springs (67 to 69°C) and sulfur mud have an extraordinary healing effect on inflammatory diseases due to extremely high content of sulfur, hydrogen sulfide, bromine, and magnesium.

Treat yourself to a unique mud bath and mirrors in the luxurious spa area. Hotel Thermia Palace is a renovated 1912 Art Nouveau gem, set in the picturesque surroundings of Spa Island. Relax in the hot healing water, apply mud wraps and procedures, and perfectly relax your mind, body and soul. Experience local healing mud that is unique both in Europe and globally.

Piešťany mud is a trademark protected designation of origin due to worldwide uniqueness. As such, it's one of our oldest trademark designations (1967). This designation is registered in the Register of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic, and its international protection continues.

More info at: www.ensanahotels.com





A region of beekeepers and honey

Come and enjoy the Trnava region's sweetness. Liquid gold - sweet, tasty, fragrant, and healthy honey. Honey is perceived as a superfood due to its unique natural composition. It strengthens the immune system, has an anti-inflammatory and antibacterial effect, and contains vitamins. Bee products - such as pollen, royal jelly and propolis - have great health benefits.

Trnava region is truly a region of honey. Family beekeeping thrives in villages and towns of all sizes, with bees being increasingly encouraged back to cities to boost the environment. You can enjoy first spring honey from the nectar of fruit trees, honey with a full and distinctive taste from oak or spruce honeydew, and fine honey from agate groves.



Visit **Včelco** by **Smolenice Castle** to discover the sweet secrets of honey and mead production.

More info at: www.vcelco.sk

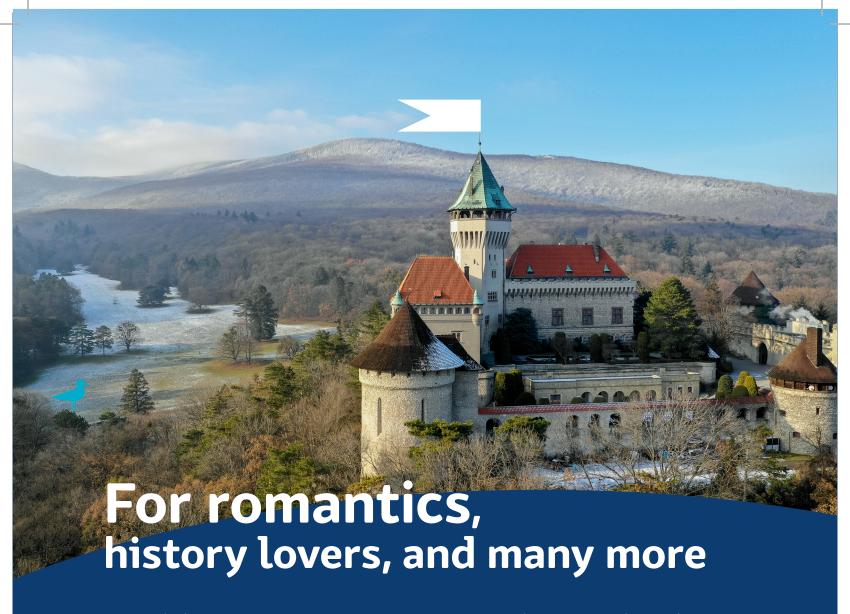
In Dolná Krupá - the place of the formation of Beethoven Moonlight Sonata - you'll be welcomed by the unique **Medolandia** where honest beekeeping continues with love and respect for one of the world's oldest crafts. At the stylish premises of Medovinoteka, you can sample and purchase your favourite mead and honey.

More info at: www.medolandia.com

The complex experience of getting to know the Trnava region clearly includes the story of not only a tasty but also a successful sweet speciality. We invite you to discover a fragrant **Spit cake** from **Skalica**.







Concealed among picturesque misty mountains, castle ruins stand proud, and towns, palaces, and parks abound with history. And are complemented by unique natural attractions.

Smolenice Castle is romantically nestled in an extensive English park with lush meadows. This original Czech Trade Route guard castle dates to the 14th century. The palace's current appearance was fashioned by owner Jozef Pálffy in the late 19th century. He involved skilled craftsmen from Germany, Italy, Austria and Hungary - their vision for the reconstruction drew on medieval European architecture.



Western Slovakia's only accessible cave - **Driny** - is near Smolenice Castle. It was first explored in 1929. During the cave tour, adults are enchanted by the beautiful stalactites and kids love the numerous low-flying bats. The area also has a beautiful karst formation - quite unique in Slovakia - called Elephant Ears.

If you love Habsburg history, then you'll find Holíč town the perfect place to indulge your passion. Visitors will find baroque-classicist **Holíč Palace** absolutely stunning.

Its late Baroque appearance results from the reconstruction of the Renaissance anti-Turkish fortress into an attractive summer residence for the Habsburgs. The palace is surrounded by an impressive double system castle wall and moat.

The palace area also has a delightful garden with herb plantation, which can be visited separately. The ideal place to enjoy waterside rest, relaxation, and picnicking.

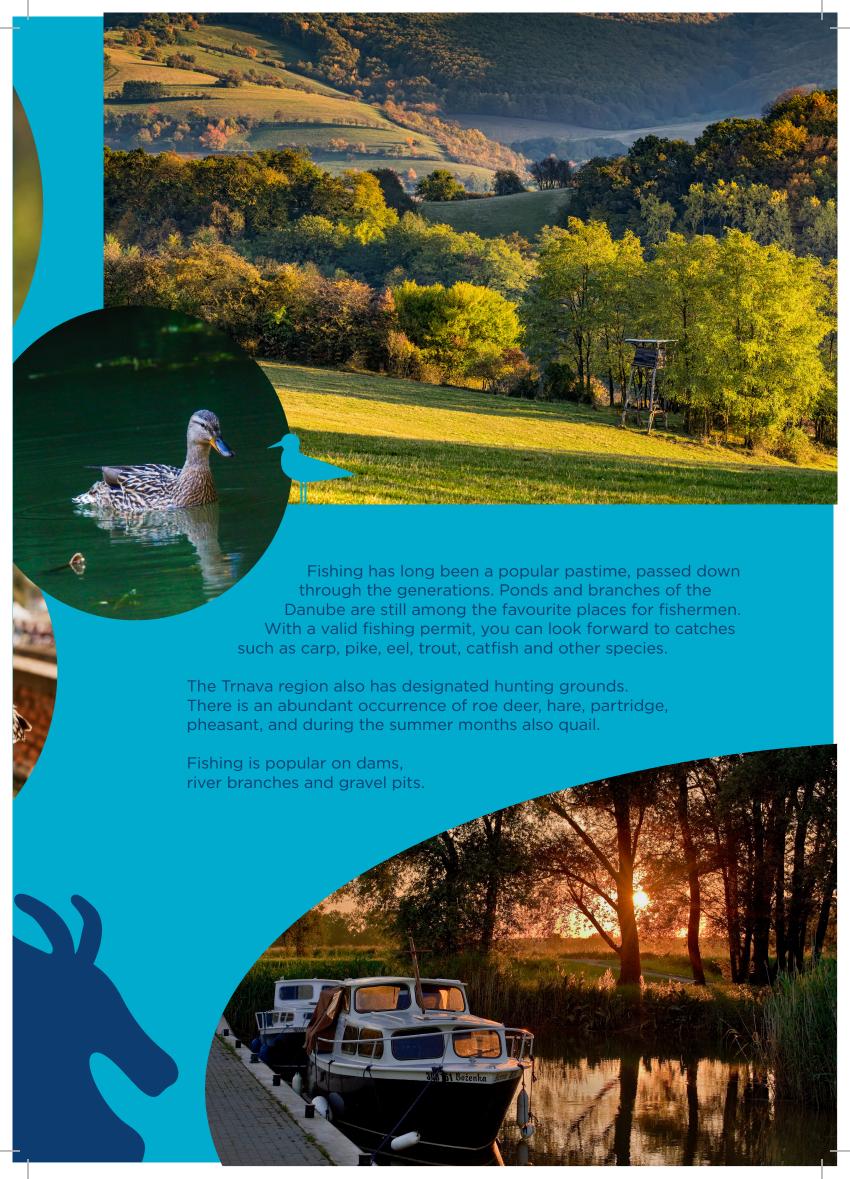
Slovakia even has its very own "**Stonehenge**"in Holíč in Záhorie region. A series of finely-worked cult stones - megaliths - decorated with ancient engravings that had a mythological function. The largest megalith measures a stunning 6.8 meters. The stones were discovered during the construction of Holíč residential estate in 1988. They were then moved and symbolically arranged into a sundial shape.

Close your eyes, dream, and be swept away by the beauty and long history of **Hlohovec Palace**. Wander the picturesque palace park to discover its attractive majesty. Over time, the 13th century medieval castle was repurposed into a stately residence. Relive silent witnesses of the illustrious past in the hunting lounge, Empire dining room, and old library.

The Gothic **Dobrá Voda Castle** ruin is in the central Little Carpathians above Dobrá Voda village in Trnava district. The guard castle dates to the 13th century, and its name is derived from the numerous nearby springs (Dobrá Voda = Good Water). Engulfed by fateful flames in the 18th century, the castle has remained an atmospheric ruin. Ruins such as this - as well as Korlátko, Paištún, and Plavecký castles in the Little Carpathians - are slowly but surely succumbing to the rigours of nature. Explore these beguiling castles and palaces to relive their mysterious legends and tantalising tales.









Horses & stud farms

One of the treasures that
the medieval warriors from
the Crusades brought to Europe
was the Arabian horse breed.
They began to breed domestic breeds.
However, the Turks brought the noble
Arab horses with them to the then territory
of Hungary in the 16th century. At that time,
private stud farms began to be built in Hungary.

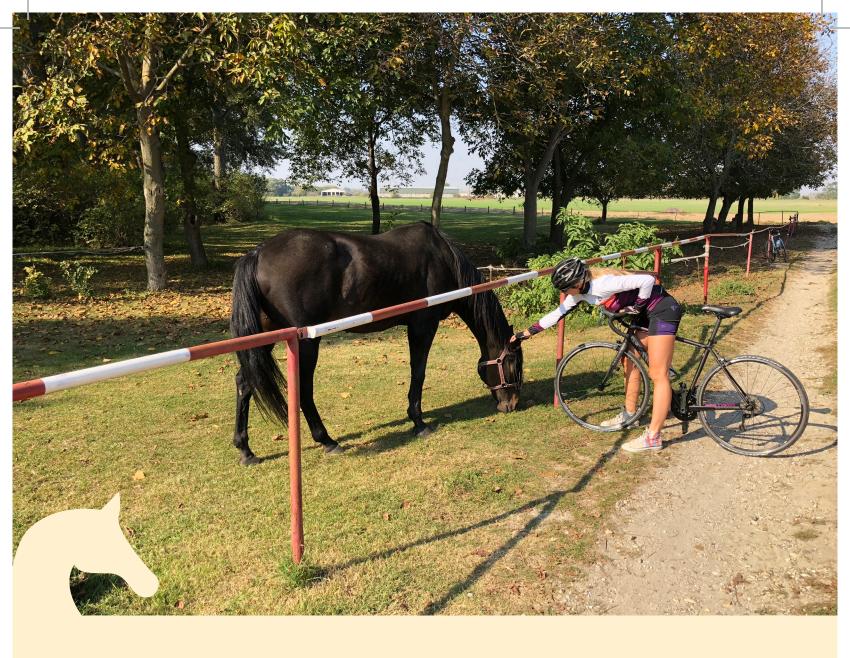
In the valley of the river Morava there is an imperial and royal stud farm in **Kopčany**. It was first chronicled in 1660-1680 as an extensive and well-funded stud farm with purebred Arabic, Spanish and other horses.

In 1763, the Duke of Lorraine František Štefan (the husband of Maria Theresa) bought this stud farm located near **Holíč Castle** – which was the summer residence of the Habsburgs. At that time, at least 400 royal horses – Spanish stallions – were moved here.

Yet a shortfall in quality stallions in the early 19th century necessitated English thoroughbreds being gradually imported to Hungary.

By the decision of Emperor Joseph II, an English thoroughbred breed was established in Kopčany, with the import of the Grimalkin horse in 1813. In 1814, 70 English thoroughbred mares and three stallions were imported to Kopčany from France and England.

Kopčany horses were bred exclusively for the imperial Viennese court. They were mainly for carriages, representational purposes, riding, racing and hunting, sledding, regular carriage services and draft horses. After the Second World War, the building fell into disrepair. It has been restored and returned to its original use since 2005.



In 2013, two expositions ceremoniously opened at Kopčany stud farm. The first and more expensive was the **Natural History Museum** exposition; housed in the former chapel, it features exhibits older than a thousand years. The second exposition is in the oldest remaining stable, and focuses mainly on agriculture and horse breeding.

Maybe you think that sand dunes are typical only of Arabian deserts? Well actually western Slovakia has its very own 570 km² "**Slovak Desert**".

It includes wind-swept sand, pine forests and marsh areas. The whole area is a protected area with rare fauna and flora, which cannot be found anywhere else in Slovakia.





The world-famous **x-bionic**® sphere

The unique **x-bionic**® **sphere** is a paradise for professional athletes and sports teams, families and business leaders, as well as for the spectators. Events organised at the resort are intended for visitors of all ages and nationalities.

Thanks to perfectly customised conditions for athletes, combined with the first-class services, the ever-advancing x-bionic® sphere resort has become an official Olympic Training Centre. Professional athletes, amateur sportspeople, as well as companies from all over the world find the ideal conditions for their training camps and competitions at the x-bionic® sphere. The facilities for swimming and water sports, equestrian sports, track and field, cycling, gymnastics, motorsports, as well as team sports guarantee perfect conditions for 27 Olympic sports.

The x-bionic® equestor sphere with an area of 379,167 m² forms the largest part of the resort and includes the most modern Olympic horse-riding centre in Europe, which has quickly become a favourite and popular destination for equestrian enthusiasts from all over the world.

X-bionic® equestor sphere can boast with three grass, three sand arenas and two indoor riding halls and almost two kilometres long racetrack. The horse's comfort is considered throughout every centimetre of x-bionic® equestor sphere, with rubber brick pathways connecting each part to ensure safety for the horses at all times. The permanent stables are very spacious and equipped with state-of-the-art riding technology. X-bionic® equestor sphere proves that by its size, quality, equipment and attention to detail, it creates perfect conditions for both horses and riders.

Šamorín is a city proud of its rich horse-breeding history, making x-bionic® sphere the ideal place for all equestrian professionals and enthusiasts. Twice a year renowned international horse jumping organized competitions with 3*CSI level and above are organized in addition to 10-12 weekend parkour competitions hosting not only Slovak riders but also

those from neighbouring countries. Equestrian season is in great part also composed of 6 international endurance events under the umbrella of FEI within the range of 80, 120, 160km.

More info at:

www.x-bionicsphere.com







The Trnava region's numerous courses truly make it a golfer's paradise. **Penati Golf Resort** in Senica is a top place to tee-off - and part of the World of Leading Golf. This 36-hole golf resort provides the highest standards and is a great place to play.

More info at: www.penatigolfresort.sk

Grafobal Group Golf Resort Skalica was built in the style of a links-type course near Skalica town. Features include an 18-hole course, 250-metre driving range with covered tees, putting and chipping green, and perfect relaxation at the welcoming Clubhouse.

More info at: www.golfskalica.sk

The golf training complex in Trnava provides training grounds for practicing the short and long game, with comfortable facilities and a 1,000-metre, 9-hole par 28 training course. The area is also ideal for improving chipping and putting. Trnava golf complex offers one of the largest driving ranges in Slovakia. A guaranteed quality golf experience with a covered driving range and putting green to practise their short game.

More info at: www.golftrnava.sk

Enjoy golf at **Golf & Country Club Piešťany** on a quality, physically easy-going, 9-hole course near the spa complex. Play quality golf amidst a century of tradition.

More info at: www.golfpiestany.sk



High-speed adrenaline

Experience the thrill of fast driving, improve your driving skills and techniques on a race track, and watch exciting races. **Slovakia Ring** meets FIM and FIA criteria for organizing major international motorsport events. Slovakia Ring is one of the longest circuits in Europe. The track has four artificially created elevations - horizons - that add variety and boost the thrill of burning rubber. The track length (5,922 m) and technical challenge make it an adrenaline rush for even the most experienced drivers. Check out the exhibition of military hardware at the circuit's Military Museum. Slovakia Ring has fast access from Trnava (55 min), Bratislava (35 min) and Piešťany (70 min).

More info at: www.slovakiaring.sk

Looking for even more? Reach new heights in the Trnava region with a helicopter or plane trip - become a fighter or light aircraft pilot for a day.



Fancy some shopping?

Shopaholics will enjoy the Trnava region's range of shopping centers with popular fashion brands (H&M, Reserved, Orsay, Lindex, etc.). City Arena shopping centre in Trnava and Aupark in Piešťany are open daily from 9:00 to 21:00. Smaller fashion boutiques will welcome you on the leafy streets of Piešťany spa town.

Larger shopping centers are in Bratislava (Eurovea, Aupark, Central, Avion, Nivy). Parndorf in Austria is perfect for more luxurious goods and world-famous fashion brands (Gucci, Furla, Armani, Baldinini, Guess, etc.).



Enjoy a tremendous thrill from a helicopter, paragliding, and hot air ballooning. The Trnava region has several regional ports which provide cruises and boat excursions on local rivers, for example Piešťany, Skalica, Jelka or Vojka nad Dunajom. Sightseeing cruises from Gabčíkovo can be reached in Ostrihom or Budapest in Hungary. Sightseeing can be sailed along the lock of the Waterworks, the canals under the WaterWorks and the old Danube riverbed. Twin City Liner is a boat connection by fast catamaran that links the city centres of Vienna and Bratislava in just 75 minutes.

More info at: www.twincityliner.sk



Galleries and Museums

The Ján Koniarek Gallery in Trnava presents modern and contemporary Slovak art (20th and 21st centuries) in the broader Central European context. Slovak visual art of the 20th and 21st centuries with an emphasis on regionality can be enjoyed at the Zahorie Gallery of Jan Mudroch in Senica.

More info at: www.gjk.sk and www.zgjm.sk

The DNArt Gallery is a great place to peruse art for sale - with a wide range including realism, figurism, and abstract compositions. The DNArt Gallery is popular with art lovers and casual visitors, and is a great place to unwind.

More info at: www.umenietrnava.sk



Piešťany's Magna Gallery of contemporary art features original contemporary Slovak and Czech artists - paintings, graphics, solitaires, design jewelry, and exhibitions.

More info at: www.magnagallery.sk

Parks in Piešťany offer an outdoor gallery of sculptures that will make any walk more enjoyable. Visit also the **Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum**, one of the most romantic modern art museums in Europe. It was founded by the Dutch collector and art promoter Gerard Meulensteen from Eindhoven and the Slovak gallerist Vincent Polakovič.

More info at: www.danubiana.sk

The main entrance to the x-bionic® equestor sphere is dominated by the horse statue - currently **the largest in the world**. The dynamics and strength of the sculpture is achieved by thousands of individually welded stainless steel plates, which make up 8.3 meters high mass. The author of the sculpture is a prominent Hungarian artist Gábor Miklós Szőke.

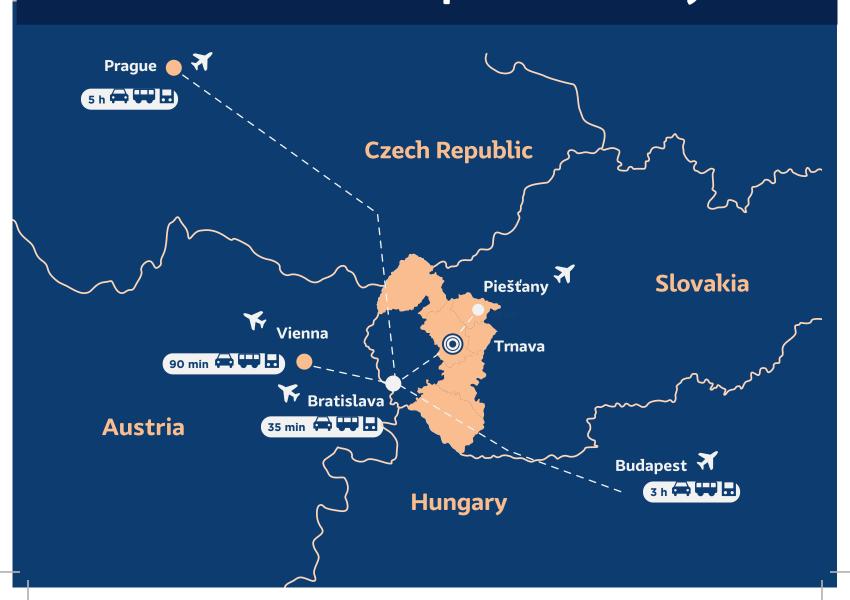




Trnava region accessibility



International Airport Piešťany



Why Airport Piešťany?

- Good connection with Slovak capital city Bratislava and other European capitals
- Gateway to famous Slovak and Czech health spas
 (Piešťany, Trenčianske Teplice, Rajecké Teplice and Luhačovice)
 and other attractions of Trnava region
 (historical and cultural sights, nature, sports activities etc.)
- Fast connection to the highway, bus and train station
- Comfortable and safe for passengers
- Free hot and cold beverages for departing passengers
- Children gate

Catchment area

- 1,1 million inhabitants within the region including Bratislava
- 700.000 inhabitants within the 100 km radius from Piešťany
- 420.000 inhabitants of the Capital city Bratislava

General information

IATA / ICAO code PZY / LZPP

Runway information:

- 01-19
- 2000 meters long, 30 meters wide
- asphalt-concrete surface
- PCN 35/F//X/T accept PCN 45
- RWY 01 ILS CAT I
- RWY 19 visual approach



Airport category

- Passenger handling for B737 series/A320 series
- Fuel types Jet A1
- De-icing Type I and II

Rescue and firefighting services

- CAT 4
- on request up to CAT 7

The airport offers

- Charter flights for sport teams and seasonal holiday charters since 2019
- Training flights for training school and air company for air training on commercial aircraft
- Cargo flights for business companies (special materials, automotive etc.)
- Aviation services for delegations and VIP guests

More into at: www.airport-piestany.sk





Car Transport

Taxi services

operate in every town in the Trnava region. Taxis can be ordered by phone or hailed from taxi stands in the street, or in front of a bus or train station.

Taxi service recommendations in the Trnava region:

More info at: www.viptaxitrnava.sk More info at: www.profitaxitrnava.sk

More info at: www.taxi-pn.sk

Limousine service - Piešťany

- professional transport to airports within the European Union
- punctuality, safety and high comfort for the passenger

More info at: info@luxdop.sk



Practical info about Slovakia





Currency

Slovakia's currency has been the euro - as the sole legal tender since January 2009. Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks or bureaux de change. Credit cards (American Express, Diners Club, Visa and Eurocard/Mastercard) and debit cards (Maestro and Visa Electron) are widely accepted.



Passports and Visas

As part of the Schengen area, Slovakia allows visa-free entry to all EU citizens. For more information about visas, please consult the **Slovak** Foreign Ministry's website: www.mzv.sk

PLEASE NOTE: an entry visa cannot be obtained upon arrival at Bratislava Airport or Piešťany Airport, or any other port of entry into Slovakia. Please contact your nearest Slovak Embassy for visa information.



Language

The official language is Slovak, which belongs to the Slavic group of languages and as such is similar to Czech, Polish and Russian. In international business English is commonly used. Many Trnava region residents also speak German, Hungarian, French, or Italian, Russian.



Climate

The Trnava region has a mild continental climate characterized by distinct temperature differences between summer and winter, as well as by four seasons. Yet in recent years, the transition from winter to summer has taken place almost without a spring: with winter weather and average temperatures of around zero degrees Celsius abruptly changing to a summer climate from one day to the next. The same applies to the transition from summer to winter, which happens quickly, with autumn usually being distinct but short. Winter snow cover now tends to be less pronounced than in the recent past. We recommend checking local weather reports before your trip.



Time

Slovakia is located in the Central European Time (CET) zone, with daylight saving time during the summer. In winter the time is GMT +1:00 hours, and in summer GMT +2:00 hours.



Banks

Banks are open from Monday to Friday from **09:00** to **18:00**, and on Saturdays from 09:00 to 12:00. Bank branches located in supermarkets also open on Saturdays until 16:00 and on Sundays. In large shopping centres, banks are open 7 days a week, usually from 10:00 to 21:00.



Post Offices

Post Offices are usually open from Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 18:00, and on Saturdays from 08:00 to 12:00. Some have a midday break from 12:00 to 13:00.



Telephone

The international country code for Slovakia is **+421**. The emergency phone number in Slovakia is **112**.



Shopping

Shops are mostly open from Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 18:00, and on Saturdays from 08:00 to 12:00. Large shopping centres, department stores, and supermarkets have longer opening hours and are also usually open on Sundays.



Electricity

Slovakia has a 220-volt AC, 50Hz mains power supply and uses two pin continental-style plugs.



Accommodation recommendations in the region

The Trnava region has a wide range of hotels depending on whether you prefer relaxation or active leisure. We've prepared a selection of the best hotels in the region.

Recommended hotels *****

Thermia Palace Ensana Health Spa Hotel

www.ensanahotels.com

- Location: Piešťany
- 111 rooms and suites
- Luxurious wellness-relaxation centre
- Spa with historic mirror and mud pool
- Full-range medical health programme
- Balanced and fresh cuisine
- Golf course

Thermia Palace Health Spa Hotel, opened in 1912, and the adjacent Irma Health Spa - two spectacular Art Nouveau jewels that have been enchanting guests for over a century. Truly luxurious due to their attentive service and quality of medical expertise and services.

Hotel Amade Chateau

www.hotelamade.sk

- Location: Vrakúň
- 30 rooms and suites
- Eco-chic Wellness & Spa
- Spectacular Turkish hamam bath
- Indoor and outdoor pools
- Seasonal and regional cuisine



Luxury romantic Château Amade spa and hamam hotel is an isle of peace and tranquility. Unique style and historic castle atmosphere, gourmet restaurant's culinary creations, and rejuvenating massage treatments at Wellness & Hamam will meet your highest expectations.

Recommended hotels ****

Esplanade Ensana Health Spa Hotel

www.ensanahotels.com

- Location: Piešťany
- 460 rooms and suites
- Direct access to the Balnea Health Spa
- Comprehensive medical health programme
- Excellent selection of restaurants and bars
- Indoor and outdoor pools, sauna area, large fitness centre
- Sports and leisure facilities

Spacious and welcoming lobby extends to the hallways, rooms, restaurants, and communal areas throughout the hotel. The hotel has numerous opportunities to relax, unwind, and focus on health and wellness. Enjoy our six distinctive restaurants, Park Café's beautiful lounge, and feel renewed in the latest wellness area.

Hotel Park Avenue

www.hotelparkavenue.sk

- Location: Piešťany
- 25 rooms and suites
- Saunas, zone with heated sun loungers, wet room
- Gym equipped with dumbbells and running belt
- European cuisine

The hotel is ideally located in Sad A. Kmeta, a pretty national heritage park just 300m from Piešťany town center. This site has the best of both worlds: calmness of enjoying nature on your doorstep, while also being in the heart of Piešťany.

X-BIONIC Hotel

www.x-bionicsphere.com

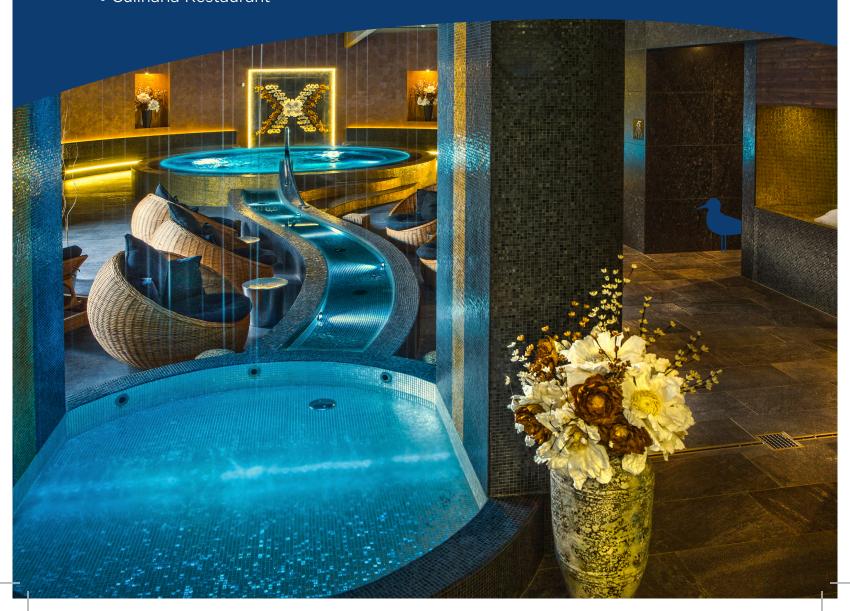
- Location: Šamorín
- 306 rooms and suites
- Restaurants and bars
- Sports and leisure facilities such as: horse riding, swimming, gym, cryosauna, tanning bed, gymnastic, athletics, cycling, team sports, golf, motorsport.

Discover where luxury, a welcoming atmosphere, and exuberant energy perfectly combine. X-BIONIC HOTEL fully meets the needs of all visitors - athletes, professional teams, families, and visitors of conferences, exhibitions and congresses. The hotel offers first class conditions in rooms and rooftop suites, which give a new dimension to the accommodation concept.

Holiday Inn

www.holidayinn-trnava.sk

- Location: Trnava
- 103 rooms and suites
- Directly located in the historic city centre
- Relax and Wellness
- Culinaria Restaurant



Hotel Galanta

www.hotelgalanta.sk

- Location: Galanta
- 26 rooms and suites
- Relax and Wellness
- Local gastronomy restaurant

Hotel Magnólia

www.hotelmagnolia.sk

- Location: Piešťany
- 253 rooms and suites
- Relax and Wellness
- International cuisine

Wellness Hotel Löwe

www.hotel-lowe.sk

- Location: Piešťany
- 12 rooms and suites
- Relax and Wellness
- Slovak and international cuisine

Hotel sv. Ľudmila

www.hotelsvataludmila.sk

- Location: Skalica
- 46 rooms and suites
- Relax and Wellness
- Local gastronomy
- International restaurant

Hotel Park

www.hotelpark.sk

- Location: Piešťany
- 110 rooms and suites
- Relax and Wellness
- Medical care
- Slovak culinary specialties cuisine

Hotel Sandor Pavillon

www.hotelsandor.sk

- Location: Piešťany
- 16 rooms and suites
- Relax and Wellness
- Slovak and international cuisine

Grand Hotel Residence

www.hotelresidence.sk

- Location: Piešťany
- 25 rooms and suites
- Adult-friendly
- Relax and Wellness
- Luxury lobby bar

Hotel Therma

www.therma.sk

- Location: Dunajská Streda
- 46 rooms and suites
- Relax and Wellness
- Local and world cuisine

Hotel Kormorán

www.hotelkormoran.sk

- Location: Šamorín Čilistov
- 55 rooms and suites
- Relax and Wellness
- Regional cuisine



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