

Welcome to the Trnava Region

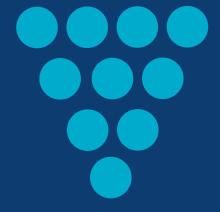


- 45 km from Bratislava (international airport)
- 110 km from Vienna (international airport)
- 215 km from Budapest (international airport)
- 400 km from Prague (international airport)

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
- 6 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 spa and wellness healing waters and mud in Piešťany with 4*, 5* hotels
- 3. World-famous beekeeping and meading
- 4. World-class wine
- 5. Culture, art and modern design
- 6. Nature friendly environment suitable for hiking and mountain biking
- 7. World famous sport facilities modern international sports area X-Bionic with Olympic horse-riding centre, and 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.

The landscape of the Trnava region is beautified by architectural gems in the form of preserved manor houses with extensive English parks, which were once the seats and summer residences of important European aristocratic families. One of them – situated in Dolná Krupá only 13 km away from Trnava, enchanted even the great classical composer Ludwig van Beethoven.







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, honey and world-renowned mead

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

Apimed mead has won many Slovak and international (USA, Canada, South Korea, Argentina, Australia) awards.

More info at: www.apimed.sk

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**.







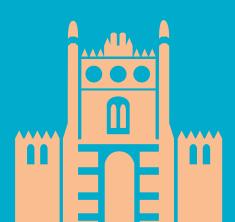
Jewish people moved into the Trnava region in several waves, with the last arriving from Moravia in the 18th century.

And now more than preserved synagogues, Jewish cemeteries, and Holocaust memorials testify to the persecution of Jews in WWII. In 2016 the first **Holocaust Museum in Slovakia** opened in Sered' – at the symbolic site of a labour camp that became a concentration camp.

The museum exhibits former prisoners' belongings, an actual cattle wagon that transported Jews to Auschwitz, and many of the deportees'.

Educational activities are also a key component of the museum.

Sered Holocaust Museum, Jewish cemeteries, and synagogues all serve to remind us of Slovakia's sizeable Jewish community and their tragic fate.



Trnava also used to be an important centre of Jewish life. The city has two Jewish cemeteries and two synagogues, the latter have been repurposed to Ján Koniarek's Gallery of Contemporary Art and a café/cultural venue. Both synagogues were built following strict Orthodox Jewish criteria, with the women's gallery upstairs and the bimah in the sanctuary's centre.

A remarkable Moorish-style **synagogue in Vrbové** still awaits its new function.

The Trnava region's biggest Jewish cemetery - some 2,500 graves - is in **Dunajská Streda**. Before WWII around 35% of the town's population were Jewish, hence it was known as 'Little Jerusalem'.







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.

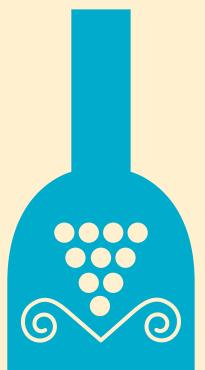
The Gothic Dobrá Voda Castle ruin is in the central Little Carpathians above Dobrá Voda village in Trnava district. The guard castle dates to the 13th century, and its name is derived from the numerous nearby springs (Dobrá Voda = Good Water). Engulfed by fateful flames in the 18th century, the castle has remained an atmospheric ruin. Ruins such as this - as well as Korlátko, Pajštún, 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.





Wineries in Trnava and the locality have a family tradition: both those with a viticulture heritage centuries-long, and up-and-coming wineries new to the craft. Some even took inspiration from locals' stories from the Little Carpathians - age-old memories infused with fresh life.



World-class wines are produced at the **Mrva a Stanko** winery. Craft masters, good friends. They produce complex, mostly varietal wines from the fifteen preferred varieties grown in the sunniest locations. Its reputation as "the most popular Slovak winery" is mainly the result of faithful admirers and enthusiastic lovers of quality wines. More info at: www.mrvastanko.sk

Following the centuries-old viticulture tradition of the owners' families, **KARPATSKÁ PERLA** is one of the leading wineries in Slovakia - as proven by being awarded Best Winery of the Year for two consecutive years. That's where most wines with protected designation of origin also derive: the Jagnet, Carpathian Pearl, Varieto and cuvée 4 Elements collections. More info at: **www.karpatskaperla.sk**



The **Terra Parna** contemporary family winery is set amongst a beautiful vineyard's picturesque green rows. This stylish winery building further complements the unique atmosphere. Suchá nad Parnou village and the Modrý Portugal variety have a long and illustrious history. And the family has proudly continued this tradition by planting this famous variety in their vineyards.

More info at: https://sk.terraparna.sk

Magula family viticulture and winery creates natural wines from organic grapes grown in their own lovingly-tendered vineyards. They produce their wines with respect, humility, and responsibility towards people and the environment. The brand-leading and exceptional Frankovka is perfectly accompanied by the joyful Portugal, the noble Veltlín, the playful Ružový vlk, the attractive new nobles Devín, Dunaj and Hron, and the exceptional cuvée Oranžový vlk.

More info at: www.vinomagula.sk

The unique **VÍNA Z MLYNA** winery is one of the most sought-after in the Little Carpathians. This enchanting fairy-tale setting includes a 16th century mill that belonged to the Pálfi family, Counts of Červený Kameň. The current owners have implemented tasteful renovations, and produce authentic wines with a terroir taste. Rather than being processed during production, wines are allowed to explore their potential through natural maturation without acceleration.







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

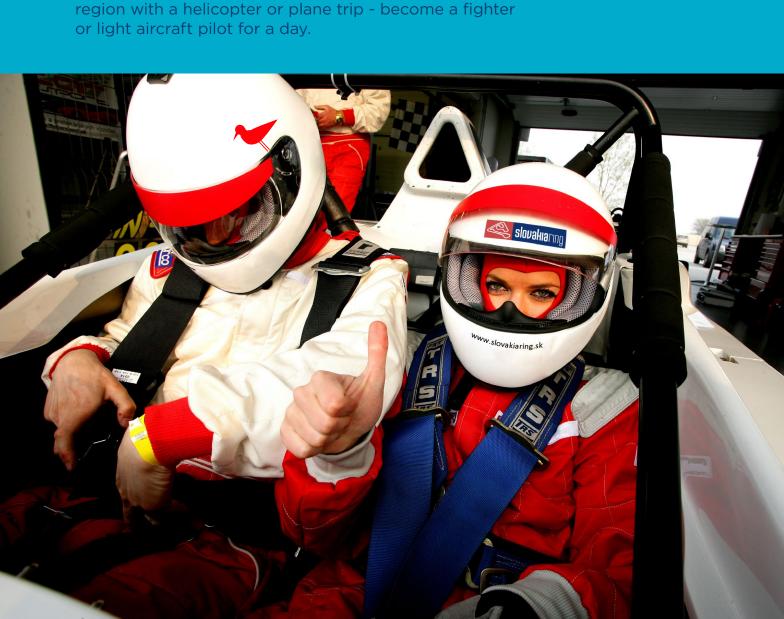


High-speed adrenaline

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.



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 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.





X-bionic® a world-famous equestrian and sports complex in Šamorín

X-bionic® sphere is the perfect place to enjoy top-quality sport facilities, relaxation, and great leisure time. The resort offers the very latest top sports facilities with professional conditions for 26 Olympic disciplines. The area includes one of the largest and most modern Olympic equestrian centres, which offers riders and spectators national and international competitions in horse jumping, endurance riding, and dressage. The area has 683 permanent stables, three grass and three sand pits, and two indoor riding halls. Its ideal location ensures fast accessibility from Trnava (50 min), Bratislava (30 min), and Piešťany (60 min). Enjoy a rewarding ride, improve your riding technique, or watch a race. This state-of-the-art Olympic sports resort has everything you need.

More info at: www.x-bionicsphere.com



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.

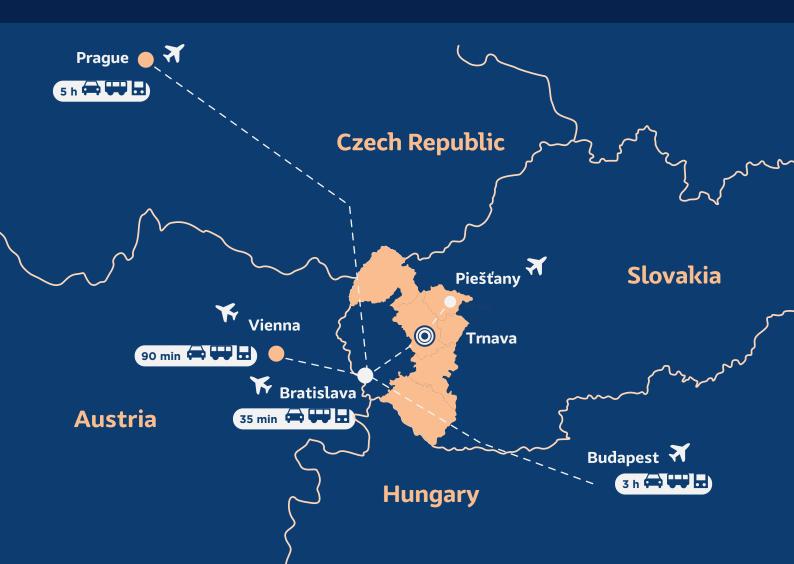
Larger shopping centers are in Bratislava (Eurovea, Aupark, Central, Avion, Nivy). Parndorf in Austria is perfect for more luxurious goods and world-famous fashion brands (Gucci, Furla, Armani, Baldinini, Guess, etc.).





Air Transport – Piešťany Airport

The Trnava region has one international airport - Piešťany Airport.



Catchment area

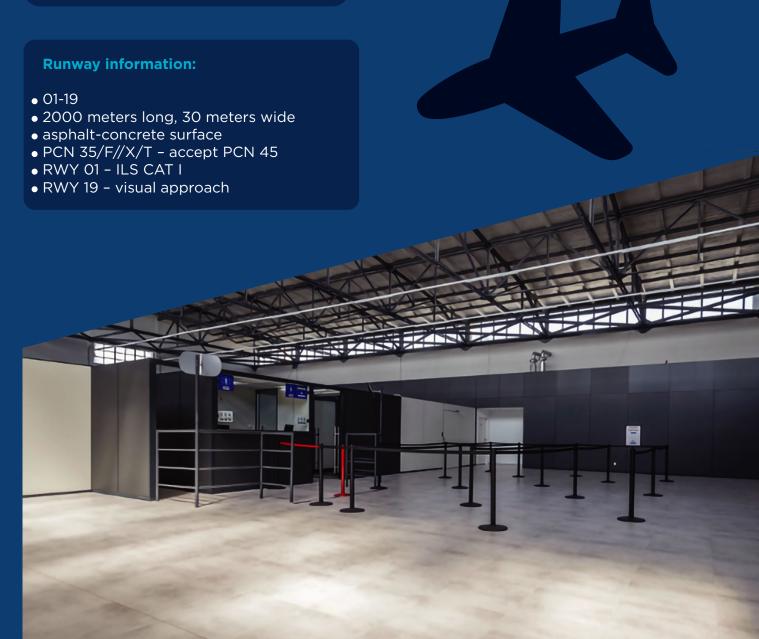
- 1,1 million inhabitants within the region including Bratislava
- 700.000 inhabitants within the 100 km radius from Piešťany
- 420.000 inhabitants of the Capital city Bratislava

Airport Location Benefits

- Serves famous Piešťany Spa
- Location only 90 km from the Capital city Bratislava
- Railway station close to the airport
- Trains available every 30 60 minutes
- Fast connection to highway

General information

IATA / ICAO code PZY / LZPP



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**.



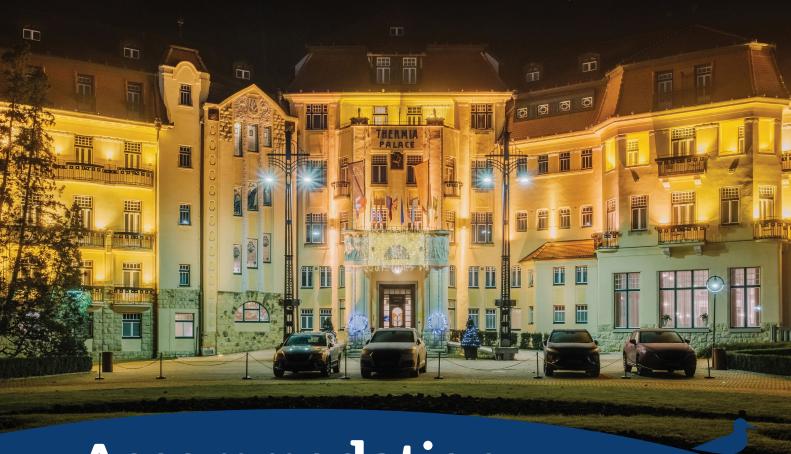
Shopping

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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