

PRACTICAL GUIDE

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Currency, ATM and paying



Since 2009 the official currency of Slovakia is **Euro** (EUR).

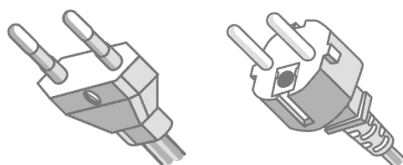
In case you are paying with the Eur 50 note or higher, you may expect the seller/bar tender/waiter to check its authenticity with special device. ATMs are available in most tourist destinations. Credit cards accepted in major hotels; otherwise ask ahead. Tipping is expected in restaurants and pubs; usually it is done by rounding up a bill. It is not very common to up the bill e.g. by 10%. If you are not satisfied with the service, leave no tips.

Electricity



The power sockets are of type E (see the pic above). This socket also works with plug C and with plug F if it has an additional pinhole (see the pic below).

The following plugs are used:



You can use your electric appliances in Slovakia, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). If the standard voltage in your country is in the range of 100 V - 127 V (as is in the US, Canada and most South American countries), you need a voltage converter.

Emergency numbers



European universal emergency number **112** can be used for emergency calls (police, ambulance, fire service). The number can be called free of charge from any phone (even a mobile phone without SIM card). The call will be answered by the operator who will determine which service is needed.

There are also individual numbers for each of these services:

Ambulance 155	Fire service 150	Police 158
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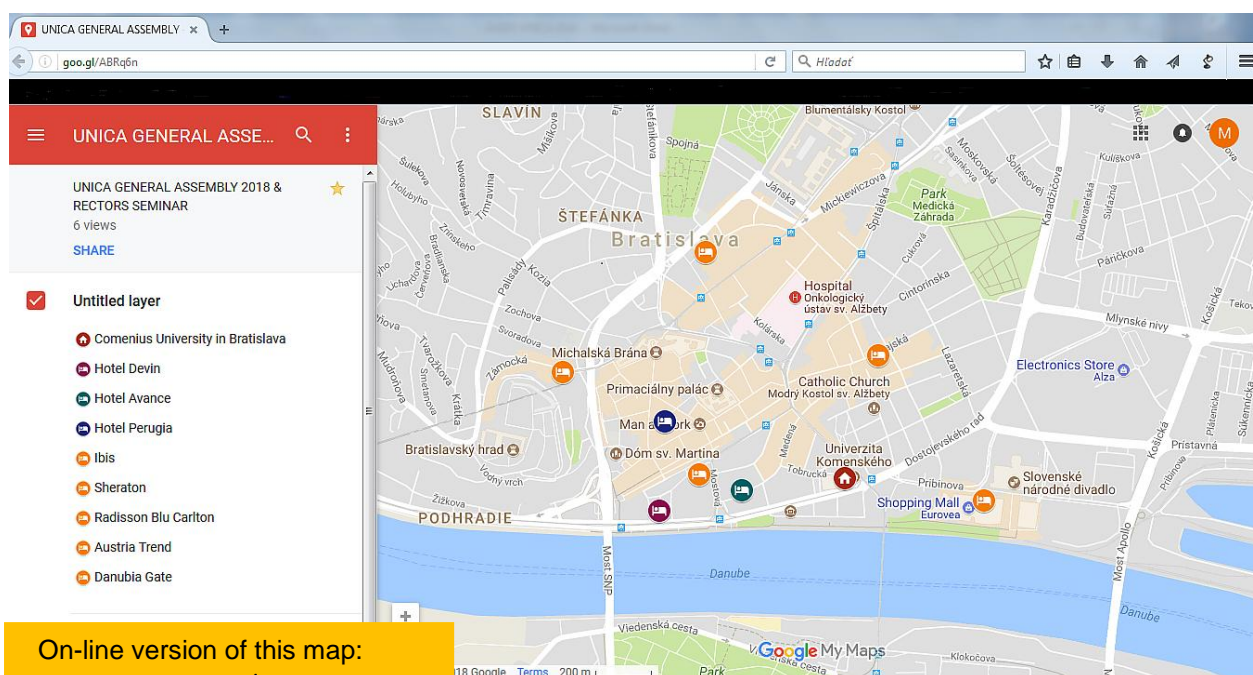
If your mobile phone does not accept these numbers, try to put either +421 or +4212 prefixes before the actual number.

Number 159 will connect you to municipal police.

In case of unexpected difficulties or urgent matters you can call the number **00421 918 421 381**

Map with venues

For your better orientation we created the on-line map where Comenius University in Bratislava and recommended hotels are highlighted:



On-line version of this map:
<http://goo.gl/ABRq6n>

Public transport



In Bratislava you can use buses, trams or trolleys. Before you enter any of these vehicles, you need to buy a ticket from a vendor machine at the stops or in kiosks. After you enter the vehicle you are supposed to validate your ticket (tickets are timed, so the validating machine basically prints the date and time to your ticket. You can plan your journey via on-line journey planner: <https://imhd.sk/ba/journey-planner> There are many taxi services in Bratislava. Just be aware that some taxi drivers might overcharge tourists, especially those who are going from/to railway station/bus station/airport. Insist on a meter. If you call the taxi in advance or ask the hotel receptionists to do it, you may get a better price even by 50%.

Taxi services – numbers:

Fun Taxi: 00421 (0) 905 916 777, 00421 (0) 905 316 111, 00421 (0) 905 767 757

VB Taxi: 00421 18 158 (retro taxi using design of old police cars)

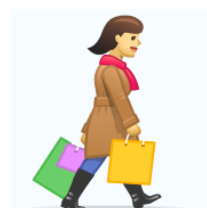
Taxi Bratislava: 00421 (0)2 16 300, 00421 907 930 300, 00421 910 930 300

Red Rock Castle trip (optional), Saturday 17 November 2018



If you are attending the Saturday's trip to Red Rock Castle and would like to know more about it, just look into your welcome bag, grab Bratislava City Guide (in English) that is in there and see the page 91.

Shopping



Besides small shops and kiosks there are several shopping malls in the city centre. Most famous is **Eurovea**. It is one of the most visited shopping centres in Bratislava, full of lounge bars with river views outside. One kilometre long green promenade enables visitors to access the Danube river bank which is full of people until late night. Address: Pribinova 8. How to get there: Walk for 10-15 minutes from the center. Opening hours: open daily 10:00 – 21:00, restaurants vary

Other easily reachable shopping mall is **Aupark**. It is easily accessible – just two bus stops from the city center (Zochova bus stop), on the other side of Danube. It is located in the Garden of Janko Kral and you can also get there after a nice 15 minutes walk through the UFO bridge (Most SNP). It has 240 different shops spread on 2 floors. Over 25 restaurants, cafes, pubs and fast food outlets offer a wide variety of options for different tastes. Address: Einsteinova 18. How to get there: Walk for up to 15 minutes from the center. Opening hours: open daily 10:00 – 21:00, restaurants vary

Time zone, climate and weather



Time zone

Bratislava Time is in the Central European Time Zone. CET is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1).

As a continental country in central/Eastern Europe, Slovakia is a land of friendly, moderate climate. **Average November temperature is between 6°C (43°F) and 12°C (54°F). Temperature at night does not go below 0°C.**

November in Slovakia is rather dry, but occasional rain may appear. We advise you to bring your raincoat or umbrella just in case of a wet day. The sunrise is around 7:00 AM. The sunset is around 16:15 PM.