Travelling to Bratislava + information on accommodation

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Bratislava International Airport

There are direct flights to Bratislava from several European cities. At <u>Bratislava International Airport</u> there are usually flights operated by low cost airlines Ryanair and Wizz Air, connecting Bratislava with cities in UK (London, Birmingham, Manchester), Ireland (Dublin), Germany (Berlin), Italy (Milano-Bergamo, Roma-Ciampino), Poland (Warszaw) and a few others. To get from the airport to the city centre you can use the public transport (1-2 changes required; you can plan your journey here: http://imhd.sk/ba/journey-planner – to the box "From" write "Airport" and to the box "To" write "Most SNP"), the journey takes about 45 minutes. You can also take a taxi at the airport. Taking a taxi from Bratislava International Airport to the city centre will cost you Eur 20 - 30 and the journey takes about 20 minutes.

Vienna International Airport (VIA)

Most of you will come via <u>Vienna International Airport</u> (its other name is Schwechat) in Austria by using airlines like Air France, Austrian, British Airways, Eurowings, Finn Air, Iberia, KLM, SAS, TAP Air Portugal, Vueling, ...). Vienna is well connected with dozens of cities in Europe. From Vienna International Airport you can easily get to Bratislava by a shuttle bus, journey time is between 45 and 60 minutes and buses go at least every hour. Price of the ticket is between 1 Euro and 7.50 Euro. (Alternatively, especially if you are travelling in a group of two or more persons, you can consider to order a limo service: http://www.transportschwechat.sk/en/ which will cost you 45 – 50 Euros. Advanced booking is necessary.)

There are 3 shuttle bus companies operating between VIA and Bratislava: Regio Jet – yellow buses, Flixbuss – white-green buses, Slovak Lines – red buses). I recommend you to choose Regio Jet, as it offers highest comfort, including free Wi-Fi, free hot drink etc.

Below you can find direct links to the websites of shuttle bus companies.

Regio Jet

WWW: https://www.regiojet.com

Pocket time-table: https://www.regiojet.com/opencms/export/sites/regiojet.com/en/pocket-

timetables/bratislava-vienna.pdf

If you use Regio Jet, you need to buy a ticket from Vienna Airport to Bratislava – Most SNP (Novy most), Hotel Devin is just 2 minutes of walk from there.

Flixbuss

WWW: https://www.flixbus.com

Route map: https://www.flixbus.com/bus-routes#/map

If you use Flixbuss, you need to buy ticket from Vienna Airport to Bratislava – Most SNP (Novy most), Hotel Devin is just 2 minutes of walk from there. Or you can go to Bratislava NASN (Bratislava bus station) and use bus No. 70 and get off at the stop "Most SNP", then walk 2 minutes.

Slovak Lines

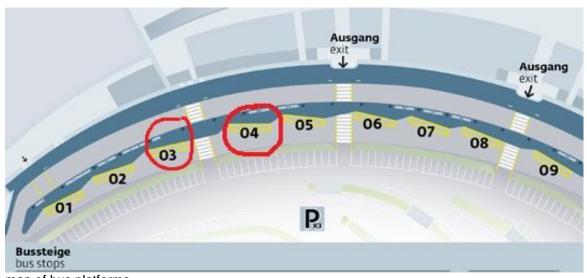
WWW: https://slovaklines.sk

Pocket time-table: http://www.slovaklines.sk/fileadmin/user_upload/pdf/wien.pdf

If you use Slovak Lines, you need to buy ticket from Vienna Airport (Wien Flughafen) to Bratislava AS (Bratislava bus station). From there you would need to cross the street and take public pus No. 70 and get off at the bus stop "Most SNP". Hotel Devin is just 2 minutes of walk from there.

Usually you don't need to buy shuttle bus tickets before the journey, as you can buy them from the bus driver. However, if you buy the ticket online, it means you have your seat guaranteed and you may get a better price.

It is easy to find the shuttle bus stops at the VIA. When you go out of VIA building, you will see the bus platforms around 50 meters right from the main exit doors and find the one with direction Bratislava (usually platform 2, 3, 4 or 5). See pics below.



map of bus platforms



typical bus platform at the Vienna airport (Regio Jet bus)

If you get off at the stop Bratislava – Most SNP, you find yourself right in the city centre, reaching for example Hotel Devin in just 2 minutes of walk, while Hotel Avance is about 5 minutes of walk. Most SNP is a distinctive bridge and the bus stop you need to get off can be seen under the bridge in the bottom left corner at this picture:



Most SNP

Budapest International Airport, Hungary

Other big airport not very far from Bratislava is <u>Budapest International Airport</u> in Hungary. However, due to its location, even if you rent a car or take a limo service, it takes 2 hours 15 minutes to get to Bratislava, while the price for a limo service will be around Eur 200.

Brno International Airport, Czech Republic

This option may be useful for people travelling from UK, as Ryanair and Wizz Air connect Brno with London Stansted and London Luton. From the airport it is approx. 15 minutes ride to the city centre by public transport. From there you can take the train to Bratislava (journey time is 1 hour 15 minutes). Trains to Bratislava usually run every 2 hours.

Other means of transport

Those who prefer other means of transport than by air, can use railways. There are direct trains to Bratislava from Berlin, Dresden and Hamburg via Prague and Brno, other routes are from Budapest, Krakow.

Public transport in Bratislava (buses, trams, trolleys)

To use public transport buses or trams you need to buy a basic single ticket for Eur 0.70, Eur 0.90 resp. (15 minutes or 30 minutes). Tickets can be bought via vending machines at many bus stops, or in newspapers kiosks. Tickets can not be bought from the drivers. After entering the vehicle, you need to validate your ticket in the orange or red or yellow stamping machines. See the pic below:



ticket validating machine

Accommodation near the University

There are several hotels near the university with pre-booked rooms. They serve on first booked/first served basis. If you wish to use one of these hotels, follow the instructions below.

Hotel Devin 4* https://www.hoteldevin.sk/ – 40 rooms are pre-booked until October 7, 2018. Reservation for reduced price is possible via this link:

https://www.hoteldevin.sk/en/booking?user_language=en&price_group=4194304&hotel_id=3749 &service_model=2&inday=14&inmonthyear=2018-11&outday=16&outmonthyear=2018-11 Free cancellation is available up to 14 days before the arrival date.

Hotel Avance 4* http://hotelavance.sk/ – several rooms are pre-booked until October 7, 2018. Please write an e-mail to hotelavance@hotelavance.sk and add the code "UNICA" in the subject of the e-mail.

Hotel Perugia 3* https://www.aplendcity.com/en/hotel-perugia – several rooms are pre-booked until October 7, 2018. Please write an e-mail to perugia@aplendcity.com and add the code "UNICA" in the subject of the e-mail or call the phone number 00421 902 411 111.

Other hotels within walking distance the university:

Ibis 3* https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3566-ibis-bratislava-centrum/index.shtml Sheraton 5* http://www.sheratonbratislava.sk/
Radisson Blu Carlton 4* https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-bratislava
Austria Trend 4* https://www.austria-trend.at/sk/hoteli/bratislava
Danubia Gate 4* https://www.danubiagate.sk/en/



Comenius University - main building, Safarikovo namestie 6

Bonus

3 minutes official video of Bratislava