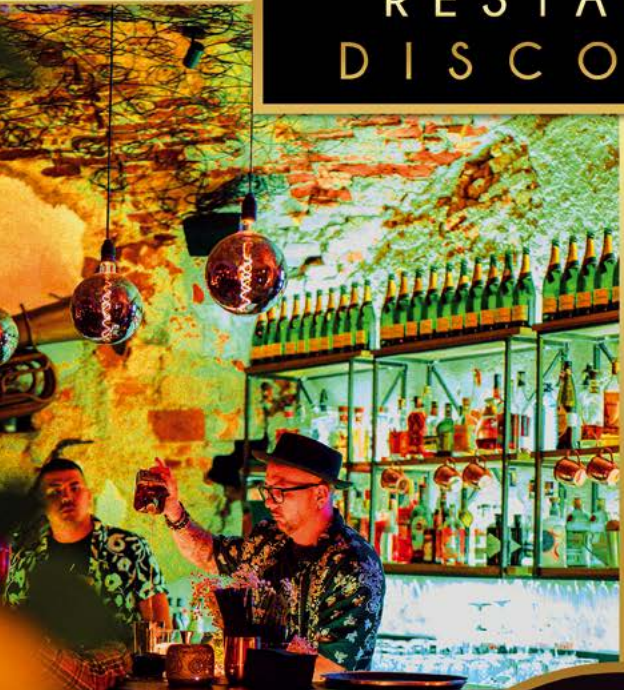




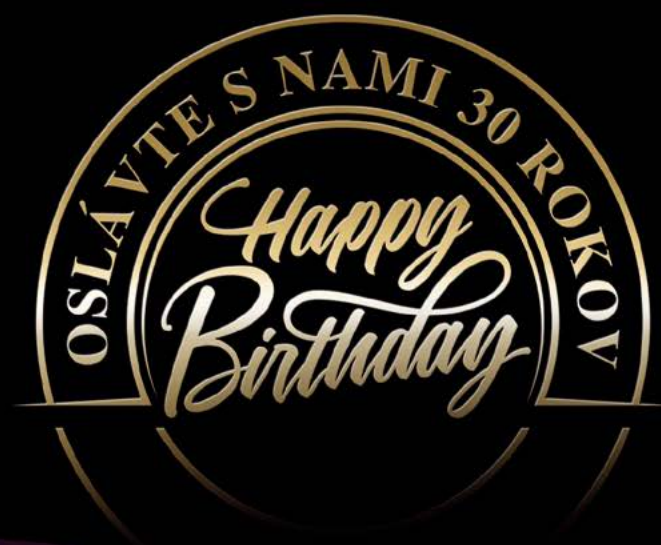




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The city is rich in its history, however, it has much to offer at present as well. Its geographic location in the middle of the Košice Valley was suitable for settlement already in the paleolithic period, which is proved by an archeological finding of a municipality in the present town district Barca. Later historical events in the given location confirm the significance of Košice, where important trade roads of this part of Europe intersected, which provided the city's prosperity. Košice used to be a significant economic, cultural and social centre of former Hungary, which in fact influenced its development.



## THE CITY OF KOŠICE

Košice, the second largest city in Slovakia, is the administration centre of the Košice region and the metropolis of Eastern Slovakia at the same time.

Visitor's attention is drawn mostly by the historic centre, rich in architectonic and art monuments. It is represented by well preserved and perfectly developed type of town with a lenticular square.



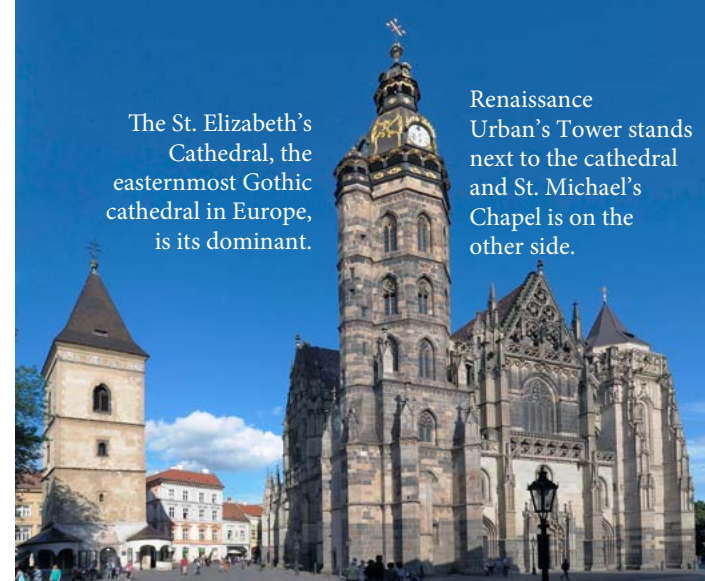
The city historical monument reservation in Košice is the largest one in Slovakia, with 556 protected cultural monuments on its area of over 85 hectares.



Behind the theatre there is a beautiful Baroque-style Immaculata statue, reminding of the plague epidemic which raged here in the 18th century.



When walking down the Hlavná Street every visitor stops at the attractive building of the National Theatre and spends a while relaxing at the singing fountain in the nearby park.



The St. Elizabeth's Cathedral, the easternmost Gothic cathedral in Europe, is its dominant.

Renaissance Urban's Tower stands next to the cathedral and St. Michael's Chapel is on the other side.



Košice Marathon. The oldest marathon in Europe Since 1924.



There are several museums and galleries worth visiting in Košice.

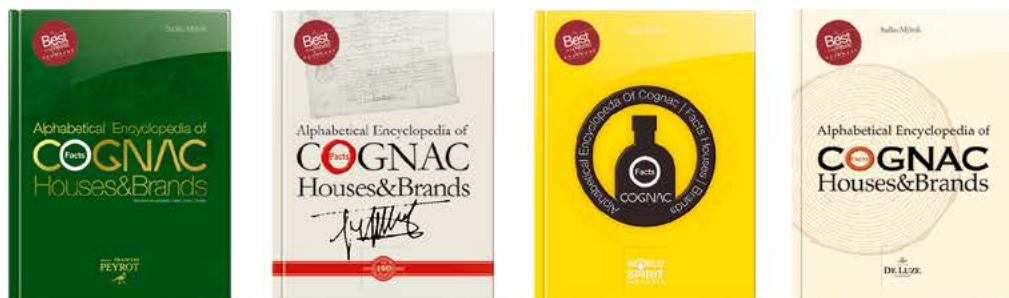
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# Košice Marathon

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It was in the summer of 1924 that Vojtech Braun Bukovský, Košice sports enthusiast, organizer, and journalist in one person, went to see the Olympic Games in Paris. The enthusiasm he returned home with was channelled

into his decision to organize a marathon race, as it was this particular

discipline which thrilled him the most in Paris. And so it happened that just a few weeks later, on 28th October, the day of the 6th anniversary of the establishment of Czechoslovakia, eight brave pioneers lined up for the start below the ruins of Turňa Castle and then set off in the direction of Košice, towards a then still unsuspected adventure. The first winner, local runner Karol Halla, tried defending his first place another nine times altogether, but the growing competition was against this. The very second edition already had an international line-up, and the winners' laurels from the third were carried off to Germany around the neck of Paul Hempel. He was sent here by the Charlottenburg Sports Club, which still exists to this day and stands, as it has

always stood, behind the Berlin Marathon.

The Marathon quickly made itself at home in Eastern Slovakia and started getting a response from the rest of the world as well. One persistently memo-

Current track record holders are

**Lawrence Kimayo (KEN) with 2:07:01 from 2012**

**and Margaret Agai (KEN) with 2:24:04 from 2022**

rable year was 1931, when the 20-year-old Argentinian new boy Juan Carlos Zabala shocked everyone with his course record of 2:33:19. Many doubting voices were raised, but they were all

silenced a year later by Zabala's victory at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. It must be stressed that the performances

achieved in Košice always had the hallmark of credibility, because since 1924 the course has been remeasured every year exactly in accordance with the rules to ensure it conforms with the now generally acknowledged 42,195 kilometres. This has not always been as self-evident as it might seem, when even as late as 1956 for example

the Boston Marathon was run over a course of only 40.6 km.

Not even the torments of war could stop the Marathon, and its continuity was preserved. The early snowfall in 1946 was a kind of premonition that

the era of the Northerners was beginning.

In the ten years following that

snowfall, runners from Norway, Sweden and Finland won a total of eight times, with the Swede Thomas Nilsson finally setting a new course record of 2:22:06 in 1956.

The Košice Marathon is certified and awarded with **5 Star Quality Road Race** by European Athletics.

During that period the Košice Marathon had a superb reputation in Scandinavia. "May Boston forgive us, but the

greatest marathon contests in the world are being played out in Košice," wrote the daily Göteborg Posten. And the leader of the Swedish team announced: "If I could, I would declare the Košice Marathon the official championships of Europe – it is unofficially so today in any case."

The year 1989 brought great



changes in more than one sense. Less than two months before the Velvet Revolution, it looked like the Marathon itself

was anticipating the changes in society. The traditional course going out to Seňa and back, which

Today the Košice Marathon is a colourful festival of sport and fun, attracting roughly 17 000 participants from all over



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had awaited the runners from 1926 onwards, was replaced with a city circuit. This attracted the attention of the whole world in 1997, when the IAAF World Half-marathon Championships were held in Košice.

Europe to acquire its own coat of arms from King Louis the Great in 1369, must surely admire the Gothic St. Elizabeth's Cathedral from the 14th century and a great many other architectural gems in this me-

the world. All those running around the extensive historical centre of this city, the first in

tropolis. It was also thanks to this heritage and its programme of creative transformation that Košice gained the title of European Capital of Culture for the year 2013.

This Marathon is attractive not only due to its tradition and precise organization, and the olden-day charm of the city, but also for the fast course it offers. The Košice Marathon has unusual atmosphere, streets full of runners and spectators, and positive energy which everyone recharges themselves with mutually. This is an image which reflects 100 years of existence of the marathon phenomenon in this city.

## 100 years of Košice Marathon

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## St. Elizabeth's Cathedral

The construction of St. Elizabeth's Cathedral lasted over hundred years (the close of the 14th century – the start of the 16th century).

It is the easternmost cathedral in Western Gothic style and the biggest church in Slovakia. There used to be one smaller church in the place of the cathedral before. Because of the city's expansion and after the fire a new church construction was started, in a very interesting way. They built the circumferential walls at first, then they demolished the original church and built the roof of the new one. The cathedral is dissymmetrical, because when the construction was to be completed, there was not enough money to finish the southern tower. A sundial from 1477 has been

preserved next to the southern tower, above a Gothic window. St. Elizabeth of Hungary became the patron of the church, who lived in the 13th century and although she was noble, she would help the poor. We can find her statue with a spoon in her hand on the right hand side on the main and the most precious altar from 1474 - 1477. On the altar wings there are scenes from her life. The altar can be shut twice. Closing it first time, next pictures appear, showing scenes from the life of Jesus Christ. After closing the altar a second time, we can see the picture from a cycle about

the Virgin Mary. In total the altar contains 48 pictures painted under the influence of the Dutch painting school. A 16-metre high pastoforium on the left hand side of the altar is a Gothic stone jewel. There are several wall paintings from the 15th century in the cathedral and a bronze baptismal font, apparently from the former church. The only double Gothic spiral staircase in Europe leads to the emperor balcony on the right in the cathedral. Opposite there is a mausoleum of the leader of the biggest anti-Habsburg uprising – Francis Rákóczi II.



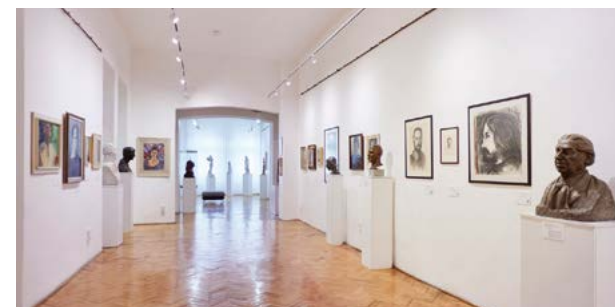
## St. Michael's chapel

Hlavná Street

On the south side of the Cathedral of St. Elizabeth you can find gothic St. Michael's Chapel, devoted to the soul guide to the afterworld – Archangel Michael. Chapel, built in 1330, stays on the place of former cemetery. Lower building of the Chapel was initially used as a charnel house (for bone relics excavated during cemetery digging for new graves). Upper building was used for requiems. Above the entrance you can see sculpture of Archangel Michael weighing the souls of the dead. Inside the Chapel there is St. Michael the patron of the dead displayed on the altar fighting the Satan-Dragon. You can also find a nice stone tabernacle, „ecce homo“ sculpture and relics of medieval wall paintings there. Above the doors to the Sacristy the oldest heraldry of Košice is located. In the Chapel's walls you can see 18 gravestones from Cathedral and former cemetery embedded. Unique in Slovakia!



### MÚZEUM VOJTECHA LÖFFLERA VOJTECH LÖFFLER MUSEUM LÖFFLER BÉLA MÚZEUM



Múzeum Vojtecha Löfflera sa nachádza v centre mesta na Alžbetinej 20 v mestskej časti Košice - Staré Mesto. Stála expozícia predstavuje výber z tvorby Vojtecha Löfflera a výber z jeho ojedinelej zbierky autoportrétov významných umelcov. Na poschodí sa nachádza pamätná izba sochára a na prízemí galéria súčasného umenia. Vďaka finančnej podpore nadácii VSE, ponúkame návštevníkom výklad k stálej expozícii a pamätnej izbe v 3 jazykoch (slovensky, anglicky a maďarsky) formou moderného audiosprevodcu.

The Vojtech Löffler Museum is located in the city centre of the Košice Old Town City District on Alžbetina 20 Street. The permanent exhibition presents a selection of V. Löffler's artwork and a selection of his unique collection of self portraits. There is also a memorial room displaying his personal belongings. Part of the museum works as a contemporary gallery. Thanks to financial support of the East Slovak Energetics (VSE) Foundation we offer visitors an interpretation of the permanent exhibition and memorial room in 3 languages (Slovak, English and Hungarian) in the form of a modern audio guide.

A Löffler Béla Múzeum Kassa belvárosában az Erzsébet utca 20 szám alatt található. A múzeum emeleti kiállítóterme Löffler Béla szobrászművész alkotásait és egyedi önarckép gyűjteményét mutatja be. Az emeleten található a Löffler emlékszoba. A múzeum földszintjén - és részben az emeleten - helyezkedik el a kortárs galéria. A Kelet Szlovákiai Energetika (VSE) alapítvány anyagi támogatásának köszönhetően az állandó kiállítás tárlatvezetését 3 nyelven (szlovák, angol és magyar) biztosítjuk a látogatóknak modern audio guide formájában.



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## The National Theatre of Košice



**PROGRAMME of the theatre performances**  
see pages 18-23

The history of stage-craft in Košice has had tradition longer than 600 years. The present National Theatre was built more than 100 years ago and it took just two years to build it.

Adolf Lang – one of the most talented European architects of 19th century, who projected some buildings in Budapest and taught at universities in Vienna, Romania and Holland as well-became entrusted with the construction. It is built in the style of eclecticism with elements of Neo-baroque style and secession. The interior is richly decorated with plaster ornaments, the stage is lyre-shaped. The ceiling of the building is decorated with scenes from William Shakespeare's tragedies Othello, Romeo and Juliet, King Lear and A Midsummer Night's Dream. The reconstruction of the building was needed in the 90's and after that the theatre was included among the most beautiful theatre buildings in Europe.

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## Palace of Art

Moyzesova Street

Event calendar  
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The first synagogue of Jewish Košice originated in 1886 and was named Status Quo. Orthodox Jews did not like it because it was in the neo-gothic style and therefore they built their own synagogue next to it. Both these buildings were replaced in 1927 by one big neolog synagogue designed in oriental style by Ľudovít Kozma. After the WWII it was modified in the style of socialist realism into the House of Arts (Dom umenia), the seat of the Slovak State Philharmonic Košice.



## University Church

Hlavná Street

Formerly Jesuitic and today Premonstratensian church was built in 1681 in the place of former royal house where soldiers of Bethlen had tortured three Latin priests to death in September in 1619. Priests were later sainted as became martyrs of the city. Architecture of the Church represents combination of Renaissance and Baroque style.



## Dominican church

In the Dominikánske Square

Gothic church of Dominican Order was built during at the turn of 13th and 14th century so it is one of the oldest preserved buildings on the territory of Košice. In 1556 Church was destroyed by fire and dilapidated. In 18th century it was reconstructed in Baroque style with interior decorated with illusive tableau. Today, it is once again administered by Dominican Order.



## Calvinist church

Hrnčiarska Street

This Calvinist church as built on the place of former medieval city gate in fortifications called Malovaná (decorated). Its tower is situated exactly instead of it. The church started to be built in 1805 and was consecrated in 1811. At that time it was lacking the tower which was built in two parts, in 1853 and in 1895 when the metal cock was placed there as a symbol used since the 16th century when Calvinists owned the Cathedral in Košice. The neo-Romanesque architecture of the church is very simple.



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## Municipal Coat Of Arms

### The oldest coat of arms in Europe

When King Louis the Great of Anjou issued a document, awarding the city the privilege to use its own coat of arms in the castle Diósgyőri on May 7, 1369, he did not expect to create such a complicated heraldic situation for his successors. The coat of arms of Košice went through a very interesting development. When creating it, Louis used the royal and Anjou coats of arms. He added the upper blue field with the three golden lilies to the four horizontal silver cross-bars in the red field. However, he did not solve the appearance of the jewel and covers. The city solved it itself, by means of their imagination and used a person of an angel, the shield-carrier. Only after 55 years the coat of arms was modified to reach this appearance officially, by Emperor Sigismund of Luxembourg, who issued a normal official document certifying the coat of arms, in Bratislava on January 31, 1423. The angel holding the coat of arms shield had beautiful red clothes, which were replaced with light blue by King Ladislaus Posthumus thirty years later, on February 7, 1453.



## The Immaculata statuary

### Hlavná Street

Baroque-style sculpture of immaculate conception was built by the city in 1723 as acknowledgement for repel of destructive plague contagion by the end of Rákoczy's uprising. Sculpture was created by famous Šimon Grimming.



## Jakab's palace

Mlynská Street

Romantic city palace was built in Pseudogothic style by rich brick baron from Košice - Peter Jakab in 1903. In 1945 when Košice was a capital city for a short period of time Czechoslovak president Eduard Beneš was living here. Today, palace is used by city representatives for representative purposes.



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**29 September 19:00**  
**VOJVODKYŇA Z CHICAGA,**  
**opera, Emmerich Kálmán**



*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**30 October begins at 19:00**  
**IVAN SOKOL Organ Marathon**  
 International Organ Festival  
 19:00 *Kostol Zoslania Ducha Svätého*  
 19:50 *Dominikánsky kostol*  
 20:40 *Kalvínsky kostol*  
 21:30 *St. Elizabeth's Cathedral*

**1 October 9:00**  
**KOŠICE PEACE MARATHON**



*Hlavná Street, Košice*

**1 October 10:30**  
**PRÍBEH MESTA,**  
 Open Air concert of The National  
 Theatre Opera Orchestra



*Kulturpark, Kukučínova street, Košice*

**4 October 19:00**  
**OIDIPUS, drama**  
 Sofokles  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**3 - 5 October 19:00**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**JAZZ FESTIVAL**



*GES Club, L. Novomeského 13, Košice*

**5 October 19:00**  
**CARMEN, ballet**  
 Bizet, Ščerbin, Forrest



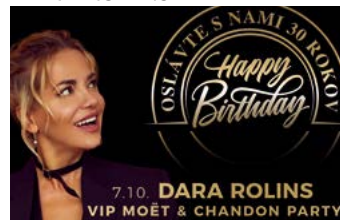
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**6 - 8 October 19:00**  
**WHITE NIGHT**  
 Contemporary Art Festival



*Košice City Centre*

**7 October late night**  
**DARA ROLINS**



*Jazz Disco Club, Kováčska Street, Košice*

**7 October 19:00**  
**TOM, DICK A HARRY, comedy**  
 Ray Cooney, Michael Cooney  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**11 October 19:00**  
**ANNA BOLENA, opera**  
 Gaetano Donizetti



*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**11 - 14 October 19:00**  
**Filmový festival lokálnych**  
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*Kulturpark, Kukučínova 2, Košice*

**12 October 19:00**  
**SEASON OPENING CONCERT**  
 Gustav Mahler  
 Slovak State Philharmonic Košice  
 Robert JINDRA, conductor  
 Alisa KOLOSOVA, mezzosoprán  
 Corby WELCH, tenor  
*The House of Arts,*  
*Moyzesova 66, Košice*

**12 October 19:00**  
**Scandal Tour 2023**  
*GES Club, L. Novomeského 13, Košice*

**13 October 19:00**  
**TOSCA, opera**  
 Giacomo Puccini



*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**15 October 19:00**  
**ČAROVNÁ FLAUTA, opera**  
 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**17 October 19:00**  
**TOM, DICK A HARRY, comedy**  
 Ray Cooney, Michael Cooney  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**17 October 19:00**  
**NESKORO VEČER**  
 Peter Marcín, alkshow



*Historic City Hall, Hlavná 59, Košice*

**18 October 18:00**  
**PETER LIPA & BAND**  
*GES Club, L. Novomeského 13, Košice*

**19 October 19:00**  
**OTELLO, opera**  
 Giuseppe Verdi  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**19 October 19:00**  
**KVARTETO & FILHARMONICI**  
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*Slovak State Philharmonic Košice*  
 Robert JINDRA, conductor  
 PAVEL BOŘKOVEC QUARTET  
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**20 October 19:00**  
**LILIOM, tragicomedy**  
 Ferenc Molnár  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**21 October 19:00**  
**TÍ DRUHÍ, dance theatre**  
 Anton Lachky Company  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**23 October 19:00**  
**PYGMALION, drama**  
 Bernard Shaw  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**24-25 October 19:00**  
**VOJVODKYŇA Z CHICAGA,**  
**opera, Emmerich Kálmán**  
*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

**26 October 19:00**  
**POD TAKTOVKOU**  
**DIRIGENTKY**  
 Beethoven, Cherubini  
 Slovak State Philharmonic Košice  
 Alena HRON, conductor  
 Ivan KLÁNSKÝ, piano  
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*Jazz Disco Club, Kováčska Street, Košice*

26 October 19:00

**OIDIPUS, drama**

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*The National Theatre Košice*

*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

27 October 19:00

**AMADEUS, drama**

Peter Shaffer

*The National Theatre Košice*

*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

28 October 19:00  
**NETOPIER**  
(DIE FLEDERMAUS), opera  
Johann Strauss



*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

29 October 19:00  
**LABUTIE JAZERO**  
(SWAN LAKE), ballet  
Peter Iljič Čajkovskij



*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

30 - 31 October 20:00

**RED CAT CABARET**

**HORROR SHOW, comedy**

*GES Club, L. Novomeského 13, Košice*

4 November 19:00

**EXTÁZA / OBRAZY O NEJ, ballet**

Andrej Petrovič, Vladislav Šarišský



*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

6 November 19:00

**LA TRAVIATA, opera**

Giuseppe Verdi



*The National Theatre Košice*  
*Historical building, Hlavná Street*

7 November 20:00

**DANCING MACHINE**

**MICHAEL JACKSON TRIBUTE**

*GES Club, L. Novomeského 13, Košice*

8 November 19:00

**TOM, DICK A HARRY, comedy**

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 Slovak State Philharmonic Košice  
 Balázs HORVÁTH, conductor  
 Martin PAVLÍK, violin  
 Peter KATINA, accordion  
 Kunsthalle, Rumanova 1, Košice

**10 November 19:00**  
**ANNA BOLENA, opera**  
 Gaetano Donizetti  
 The National Theatre Košice  
 Historical building, Hlavná Street

**11 November 19:00**  
**AMADEUS, drama**  
 Peter Shaffer



The National Theatre Košice  
 Historical building, Hlavná Street

**11 November 20:00**  
**HAVASI SYMPHONIC**  
 Concert Show



Steel Arena Košice

**12 November 19:00**  
**DOKTOR JAJBOLÍ, ballet**  
 Ondrej Šoth, Adrián Harvan  
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**13 November 19:00**  
**NUREYEV, ballet**  
 Ondrej Šoth, Zuzana Mistríková  
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**14 November 19:00**  
**TOSCA, opera**  
 Giacomo Puccini  
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**15 November 19:00**  
**VEČER SAKRÁLNEJ HUDBY**  
 Čajkovskij, Dvořák  
 Slovak State Philharmonic Košice  
 Zbyněk MÜLLER, conductor  
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 Michal VAJDA, choir master  
 Adriana BANÁSOVÁ, soprano  
 Alena KROPÁČKOVÁ, mezzosoprano  
 Martin ŠREJMA, tenor  
 Tomáš ŠELC, baritone  
 The House of Arts,  
 Moyzesova 66, Košice

**15 - 16 November 19:00**  
**CHROBÁK V HLAVE, drama**  
 Georges Feydeau



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**17 November 19:00**  
**DENNÍK ANNY FRANKOVEJ, ballet**  
 Ondrej Šoth, Zuzana Mistríková



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**26 October late night**  
**PETER LIPA BAND**  
 Jazz Disco Club, Kováčska Street, Košice

**23 November 19:00**  
**CHOPIN & SIBELIUS**  
 Slovak State Philharmonic Košice  
 Vincenzo MILLETARI, conductor  
 Andrew von OEYEN, piano  
 The House of Arts,  
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**23 November 19:00**  
**OIDIPUS, drama**  
 Sofokles



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**26 November 19:00**  
**GISELLE, ballet**  
 Adolphe Charles Adam  
 The National Theatre Košice  
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**28 November 19:30**  
**LUCIE BÍLÁ**



The House of Arts,  
 Moyzesova 66, Košice

**9 December late night**



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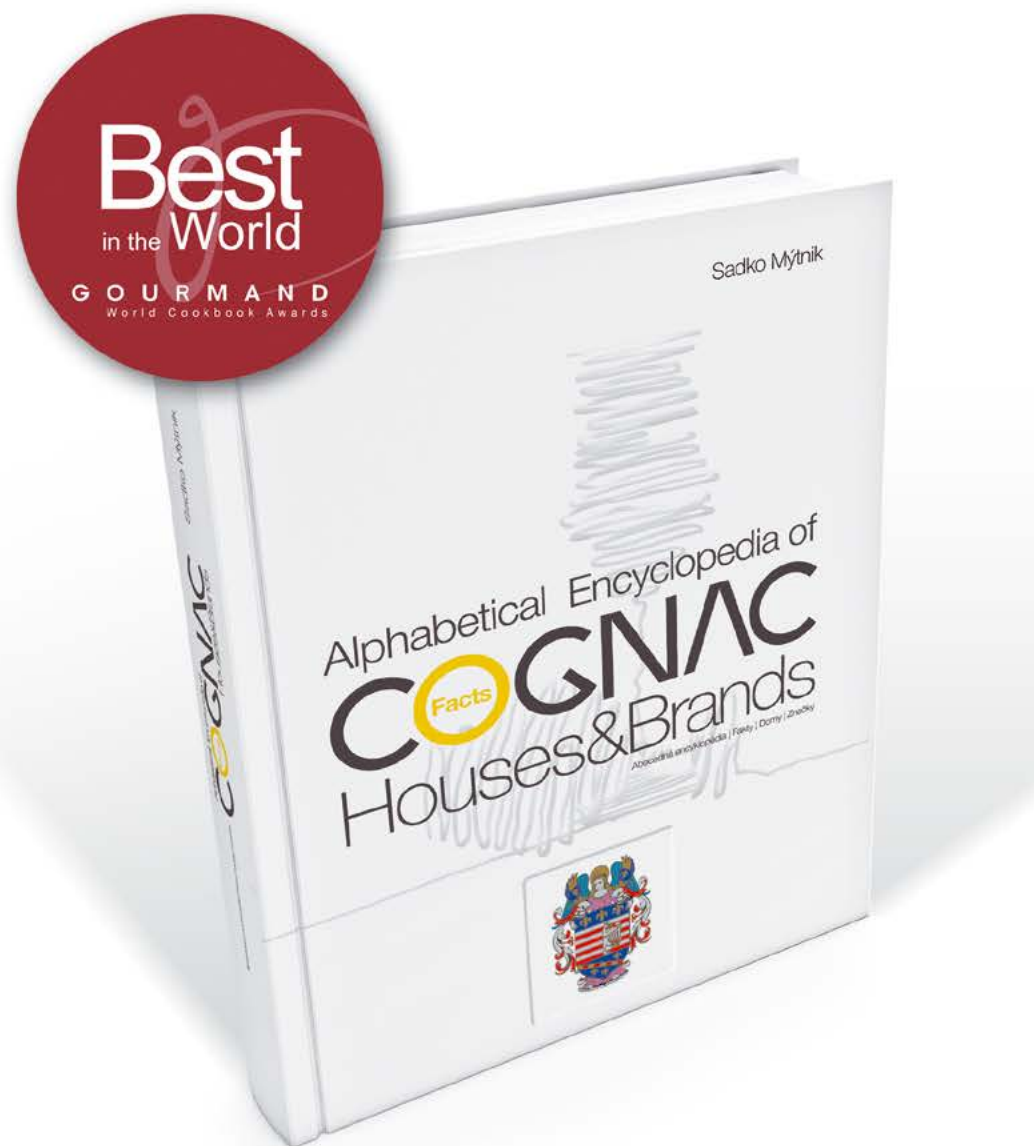
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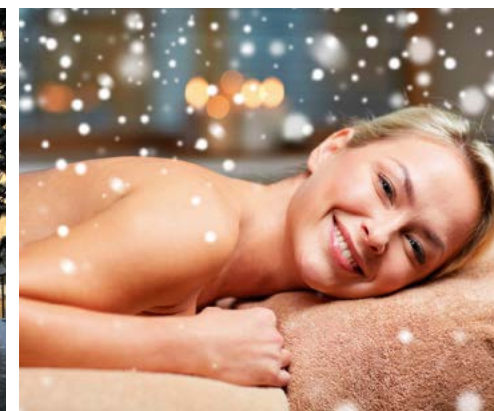
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This imposing fortification stands 634 metres (2080ft) above sea level on cliffs dominating the Spiš region and was included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. The castle was one of those few, which resisted the Tartar invasion (1241). Spiš Castle was built in the 12th century on the site of an earlier castle. It was the politi-

cal, administrative, economic and cultural centre of Szepes County of Hungary. Before 1464, it was owned by the kings of Hungary, afterwards (until 1528) by the Szapolyai family, the Thurzo family (1531-1635), the Csáky family (1638-1945), and (since 1945) by the state (Czechoslovakia, and since 1993 Slovakia).

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Alpine hiking has in itself the power of nature and oasis of silence and peace. High Tatras are also the mountain villages and hamlets, which together create the town High Tatras spread on the area of 380 km<sup>2</sup>. Many villages and hamlets are the starting point to Tatra valleys, in which you can enjoy the fresh Tatra air. You can follow the nature trail through saddles of alpine crossings even to adrenalin and soul calming climbs to accessible and open Tatra peaks. High Tatras, it is also constructed transport infrastructure – the airport at foothills, railway and tramline transport or road system. Across the territory of Tatras there goes the well-known Passage of freedom.



Cableway to Lomnický štít 2634 above sea level. Enjoy an unrepeatable trip to the top of Lomnický štít, the highest inhabited place in Slovakia. You can indulge the wonderful view during 50-minute stay or in the course of night in a four-bed suite.

You can be driven even to alpine environment comfortably. You can come to Hrebienok by land funicular train or, to the second highest Tatra peak - 2 634 m high Lomnický peak by aerial cableway.

#### DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF TATRA NATURE

In the territory of High Tatras there is situated the oldest national park in Slovakia – Tatra National Park (TANAP), where since 1949 the efforts and attempts have continued to preserve and protect the rich and unrepeatable Tatra's fauna and flora. You can view variety of Tatra territory in the concentrated form in the TANAP Museum in Tatranská Lomnica. Don't forget to visit the Exposition of Tatra flora. Botanical garden in closeness of the museum offers 270 types of plants during the growing season.

#### TATRAS WITHOUT BORDERS

After accession of Slovakia to the Schengen Union, it is possible, except the time of closure of alpine hiking trails, from June 15 to October 30, to cross Slovak-Polish borders also at all points, where these trails meet at the common border.

#### FASCINATION AND MAGIC OF ALPINE CHALETs

Thanks to the most well-known natural trail - 46 km long Artery pathway leading across the whole alpine territory of Tatras, starting at Podbanské and ending at Biele pleso (White Tarn) in Belianske Tatras, you can get



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also to 12 unique, for tourists attractive, and appealing alpine chalets, which are open all year round. What kind of trip would it be if you didn't find time for a little rest. You can encounter an amazing sight from chalets to Tatra valleys filled with sunshine. Feel the beauty of nature deeply, forget everyday troubles and problems and enjoy the sip of hot Tatra tea in one of the chalets. A trip from Hrebienok to Zamkovského chata is a good tip for an undemanding alpine walk. You can get to Hrebienok from Starý Smokovec by the new rail cableway and further you continue walking for less than an hour, following the red tourist signs, towards Zamkovského chata. On the route you can visit picturesque Bilikova chata or stop at Rainerova chata, which is the oldest cottage offering accommodation in High Tatras and, at the same time, there is also a minimuseum of Tatra shepherds. In the second part of your tour, you will admire the lure and power of Obrovský vodopád (Huge waterfall) and in the end, you will be rewarded with a wonderful view of Veľká and Malá Studená Dolina (valleys).



### FUN AND ADRENALIN

If you want to enjoy the adrenaline from a joyride on biking tracks, do not hesitate and come to Dolný Smokovec. You can enjoy speed riding mountain scooters or experience the fast ride on roller coasters. If you still think it is not enough, try Bungee-jumping from Jumping-off point at Štrbské Pleso (Tarn). In the meantime you can leave your children romp and frolic in the nearby amusement park. Would you like to get pleasure from the view of Tatras panorama and have this stunningly beautiful mountains as plain as the nose on your face? There is the joy flight or also paragliding for you. Is the horse riding attractive for you? Visit Tatranská Lomnica or the nearby village Mengusovce. Do you still have some forces left after a hike? Don't hesitate and play tennis, squash or ricochet in the surrounding hotels.

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### RELAX AND FUN

When there comes the feeling of tiredness after a day spent at full blast, make something in favour of relaxation and health. Let yourself being enticed into newly-built Wellness centres with beneficial saunas and whirlpools. Since night is just the beginning, play and frolic at bowling or have a fun in Vysoké Tatry High Tatras the local pubs or bars.

Only 7 km from nature trails there is situated 18 + 9-hole match play professional golf area Black Stork in Veľká Lomnica. Here you can experience unforgettable moments with family or friends and play the driving range, chipping and putting green. If you are not professionals, try the smack or fly in the largest sheltered place for smacks in Slovakia, which enables you to improve in any weather.



## Even BIGGER Tricklandia

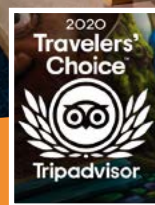
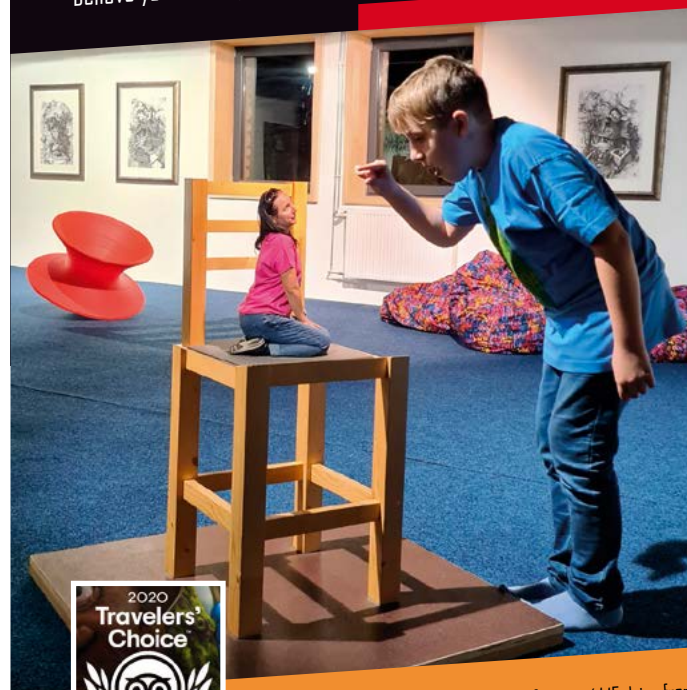
Tricklandia does not stop and has again prepared a lot of news for its visitors. Tricklandia grew to 1,000m<sup>2</sup> and a whole floor was added to it. In the renovated premises you will see old famous trickart, but also a completely new COMICS exhibition. The gallery uses trickart and optical illusions in its exhibition. You can also look forward to augmented reality, anti-gravity rooms and the most beautiful mirror maze. The individual exposures are so sophisticated that you will not believe your own eyes.



It sounds like a cliché, but it's true. Tricklandia is an ideal place for the whole family. Thanks to the diverse exhibition, everyone will find something in it whether it's beautiful paintings, posing in front of the lens, a beautiful mirror maze or fighting against gravity.

### Book your entry in advance

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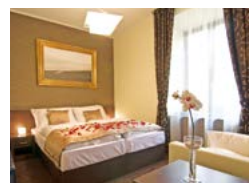
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