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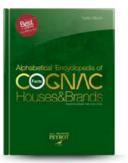
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The city is rich in its history, however, it has much to offer at present as well. Its geographic location in the middle of the Košice Valley was suitable for settlement already in the paleolithic period, which is proved by an archeological finding 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.



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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.

When walk-

ing down

the Hlavná

Street every

visitor stops

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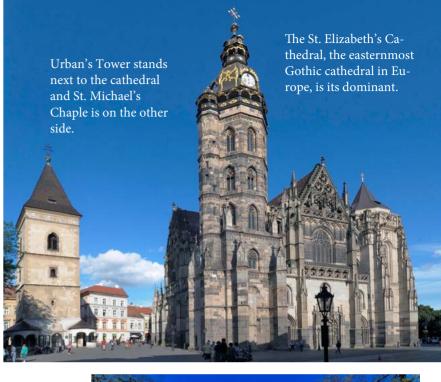
The city historical monument reservation in Košice is the largest one in Slovakia, with 556 protected cultural monuments on its area of over 85 hectares.



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



There are several museums and galleries worth visiting in Košice.









Košice Marathon. The oldest marathon in Europe Since 1924. 100th running takes place on Sunday 6 October 2024.



The city visitors willing to buy something original shouldn't miss the Street of Potter's (Hrnčiarska), known as the street of handicraft, where artistic artifacts are sold in individual shops and historic handicrafts are demonstrated.





St. Elizabeth's Cathedral

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

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

It is the easternmost cathedral 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 imperator balcony on the right in the cathedral. Opposite there is a mausoleum of the leader of the biggest anti-Habsburg uprising - Francis Rákoczi II.



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The State Theatre of Košice



PROGRAM of the theatre performances see page 18-25

The history of stage-craft in Košice has had tradition longer than 600 years. The present State 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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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.



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Orthodox Synagogue Puškinova Street



Jews could move to Košice not earlier than 1840 but the number of them increased rapidly and in the era of the first republic of Czechoslovakia the every fifth inhabitant of Košice was Jew. Orthodox Jews built the synagogue in 1927 on Puškinova Street in Moorish style under supervision of architect Ľudovít Oelschlager. Later due to holocaust many of Jews from Košice died and that is why the synagogue stayed empty and minimally used for a long time after war. This situation has been changed in present.

Palace of Art

Movzesova Street

The first synagogue of Jewish Košice originated in 1886 and was named Status Ouo. Orthodox Iews 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.



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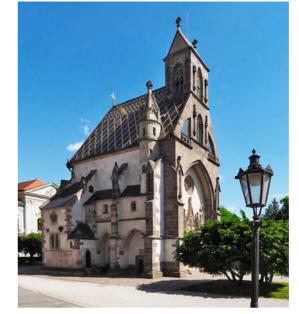
Dominican church

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.



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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

University Church

Hlavná Street

Formerly Jesuitic and today Premonstratesian 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.



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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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The Vojtech Löffler Museum is located in the centre of the on Alžbetina 20 Street. Sculptor Vojtech Löffler and his wife Klára Schönherz donated their house and unique art collection, consisting of more than 2000 pieces to the Old Town City of Košice. The permanent exhibition presents a selection of Vojtech Löffler's art-work and a selection of his unique collection of ceramics and portraits. There is also a memorial room displaying his personal belongings. Part of the museum works as a contemporary gallery. Many artistic events are often held in the garden and atrium of the museum.

A Löffler Béla Múzeum Kassa belvárosában az Erzsébet utca 20-as szám alatt található. Löffler Béla, kassai szobrászművész és felesége, Schönherz Klára a városnak adományozták a házukat és a szobrász egyedi, több mint 2000 darabból álló gyűjteményét. A múzeum emeleti kiállítóterme Löffler Béla szobrászművész alkotásait, egyedi önarckép és népi kerámia gyűjteményét mutatja be. Az emeleten található a Löffler emlékszoba is korhű berendezési tárgyakkal és bútorokkal. A múzeum egyes részei kortárs galériaként működik. Az épülethez tartozó kert és átrium számos művészeti eseménynek ad otthont.





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Mikluš's Prison

Pri Miklušovej väznici Street

Near Hlavná Street, in the historical centre of the town, one can find two buildings belonging to the so called Miklus prison. Both are from the first half of the 15th century. Later in that century one more floor was added to the corner house and according to the ceramic material and artefacts, a potter workshop was there since the 16th century. At the beginning of the 17th century, both houses were united and reconstructed to serve as a town prison and torture chamber. From the year 1872, when jurisdiction was separated from the Town council, the building was a prison of the town police until 1909. Two years later it was given to the museum as stock.

The objects were fully reconstructed in 1940 -1942. The East Slovakian Museum created an exposition "The Centuries of Kosice" connected with the history of the town and also the building.





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Multimedia floating fountain

City park

Multimedia floating fountain including floating platform, variable height Varionaut 365 pumps, Rotating nozzles, RGB LED illumination, Water screen nozzle, projector and sound system. The interactive floating fountain is a unique fountain in Kosice, Slovakia. It is controlled by artificial intelligence.





















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Košice **Marathon**

The oldest in Europe

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

decision to

organize 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 of 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 memorable year was 1931, when the 20-year-old Argentinian new

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

Cherop Philemon Rono (KEN) with 2:06:54 from 2023 and Margaret Agai (KEN) with 2:24:04 from 2022

Current track record holders are

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

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in Košice always had the hallmark of credibility, because since 1924 the course has been remeasured everv vear exactly in accord-

ance 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

finally setting a new course record of 2:22:06 in 1956.

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 of-

ficial championships of Europe - it is unofficially so today in any

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 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.

Today the Košice Marathon is a colourful festival of sport and fun, attracting roughly 17 000 participants from all over the world. All those running around the extensive historical centre of this city, the first in 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 metropolis. It was also thanks to this heritage and its programme of creative transformation that Košice gained the title of Euro-

pean Capital of Culture for the vear 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.

Program: Saturday Oktober 6th, 2024:

8.40 h Official opening

8.45 h In-line, Handbikers

The Start of Marathon

Music Marathon (Music production by the marathon track)

10.30 h Half marathon start

11.00 h The expected finish of the winners

11.30 h Winners' ceremony

15.00 h End of race







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4 October 20 December MACBETH, opera



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

5 October

VOJTĚCH DYK X ORCHESTER Slovak State Philharmonic Košice Joel HÁNA, conductor Adrián HARVAN, orchestral arran.



The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

starts at 9:00 6 October KOŠICE PEACE MARATHON



Hlavná Street, Košice

8, 9, 10 October 19:00 INTERNATIONAL JAZZ **FESTIVAI**



GES Club, L. Novomeského, Košice

11, 12, 13 October late evenings Biela noc | White Night



Hlavná Street and Old Town, Košice

12 October 19:00 PRAGUE FILM ORCHESTRA

KONCERT FILMOVEI HUDBY Pražský filmový orchester, symfonické hudobné teleso, založené dirigentom Jiřím Koryntom a Zdeňkou Koryntovou The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

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12 October 18 December TOSCA, opera



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

17 October 19:00 DVOŘÁKOV KONCERT PRE VIOLONČELO

Slovak State Philharmonic Košice Aleksandar MARKOVIĆ, conductor Stéphanie HUANG, cello



The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

17, 18, 19, 23 October 19:00 KAASH / DUST, ballet Akram Khan



19:00

19:00

The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

21 October 16 December PYGMALION, drama



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

19:00 23 October ZÁVEREČNÝ KONCERT DNÍ ČESKEJ KULTÚRY Martinů Strings Prague



The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

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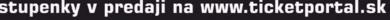








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24 October 19:00 **HUDBA / ZENE** Slovak State Philharmonic Košice Zsolt NAGY, conductor Tanja BECKER-BENDER, violin



The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

19:00

25 October ANNA BOLENA, opera Gaetano Donizetti



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

from 20:00 25 October RETRO PARTY Beáta DUBASOVÁ





The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

26 October 23 November 28 December

AMADEUS, drama



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The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

19:00 28 October 19:00 9 November 13 December 19:00

TOM, DICK A HARRY, sitcom Ray Cooney, Michael Cooney



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

19:00 29 October 19 December 19:00 VOJVODKYŇA Z CHICAGA, opera



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

30 October 19:00 19:00 11. 12 December OIDIPUS, drama Sofokles

The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street 31 October 18:00 10 November 16:00 MALÝ PRINC, ballet



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

4 November

SLOVAK COMPOSERS IN SLOVAK CITIES

EnsembleSpectrum Matei SLOBODA, conductor Ivana C HRAPKOVÁ, soprano The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

7 November

ARS NOVA x MELOS-ÉTOS Slovak State Philharmonic Košice Marián LEJAVA, conductor Adam SVITAČ, guitar The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

7 November 18:00 LABUTIE JAZERO, ballet



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

8 November

LA TRAVIATA / A. Dumas Jr.: DÁMA S KAMÉLIAMI, opera Giuseppe Verdi



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Genuine Jazz in Košice

The second oldest jazz festival in Slovakia - Jazz FOR SAle was founded in 1990 on the premises of Club M on Moldavská Street in Košice and it lis (USA), Llibert Fortuny (S), is its 34th year anniversary this year. During the first four years of its existence, it had had the character of a club festival, and only in the year 2000 did it settle on its current form – presenting top performers and formations of the national jazz scenes of the V4 countries, as well as presenting world-renowned performers from overseas. During the three festival evenings, it brings comparison of the level and development trends of the (USA), Benny Maupin (USA), presenting formations with an emphasis on content quality and its variety and genre diversity - that is, introducing new projects or productions mediating newly released DVDs or CD albums. During its history, it gained international acclaim

and credit, as evidenced by the participation of top world musicians in previous years: Eric Marienthal (USA), Gary Wil-Gergö Borlai (HU), Hadrian Feraud (F), Scott Kinsey (USA), Michal Urbaniak (PL), Arild Andersen (N), Miroslav Vitouš (CZ), Randy Brecker (USA), Harry Sokal (USA), Adam Makowicz (PL), Steve Hackett (GB), Tomasz Stanko (PL), Eivind Aerset (N), Leszek Mozdzer (PL), George Mraz (USA), Mike Stern (USA), Didier Lockwood (F), Scott Henderson (USA), Ulf Wakenius (S), Lee Ritenour Anthony Jackson (USA), Anna Maria Jopek (PL), Jeff Andrews (USA) or Hiromi Uehara (I).



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Jazz FOR SAle I

Simonne Reifegerste & Joe Kučera trio [CZ, DE]

Fermáta [SK]

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2024/SOBOTA o 19:00 hod.

Jazz FOR SAle II

Kryzstof Kobylinski [PL]

Grzech Piotrowski, Ruth Wilhelmine Meyer, Shachar Elnatan Guit, Peter Somos [PL, N, I, HU]

16.11.

2024/SOBOTA o 19:00 hod.

Jazz FOR SAle III

Gapa & Mečiar Blues Connection feat. Adeama Walkowiak [SK, GB]

Gergö Borlai & Zsolt Kaltenecker & Marton Gudics [HU]

23.11.

2024/SOBOTA o 19:00 hod.

Podujatie podporili



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9. 16. 23 November Jazz FOR SAle - jazz festival see page 22-23



Thália Theatre, Mojmírova 1, Košice

12 November 19:00 DON GIOVANNI, opera **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**

The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

14 November

BEETHOVENOV KLAVÍR

Slovak State Philharmonic Košice Jiří ROŽEŇ, conductor Jakub ČIŽMAROVIČ, piano

19:00



The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

14. 15. 16. 22 November 5 December

DOBRODRUŽSTVO PRI OBŽINKOCH, drama Ján Palárik

The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

17 November 19:00 MAGDALENA KOŽENÁ & MEL-**ODY MAKERS** Magdalena KOŽENÁ, singing



The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

20 November

18:00 LUSKÁČIK - ĽADOVÁ ŠOU SPOJENÁ S BALETOM The Nutcracker - ICE SHOW



Steel Arena, Nerudova Street, Košice

19:00

21 November MAHLER A ŠOSTAKOVIČ: **HUDBA OSUDU**

Slovak State Philharmonic Košice Maroš POTOKÁR, conductor Arnheiður EIRÍKSDÓTTIR, mezzosoprán



The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

21 November 19:00 HAMLET, ballet William Shakespeare, Ondrej Šoth, Zuzana Mistríková



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

2 December 19:00 PÁN PUNTILA A IEHO SLUHA MATTI, drama **Bertolt Brecht**



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street 3, 4, 9, 13, 21 December LUSKÁČIK The Nutcracker, fairy tale ballet



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

4. 6 December

KARVAY HRÁ VASKSA Slovak State Philharmonic Košice Tomáš BRAUNER, conductor Dalibor KARVAY, violin

19:00



The House of Arts, Moyzesova 66, Košice

6 December ČAROVNÁ FLAUTA, opera (Die Zauberflote)



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

7 December 18:00 **FAITHLESS - Champion Sound**

Steel Arena, Nerudova Street, Košice

Tour 2024

7. 17 December 19:00 CHROBÁK V HLAVE, comedy Georges Feydeau



The National Theatre Košice Historical building, Hlavná Street

10 December



20:00

Steel Arena, Nerudova Street, Košice

16 December

Whitney Houston Tribute



Old Town Hall, Hlavná 59, Košice

19 December

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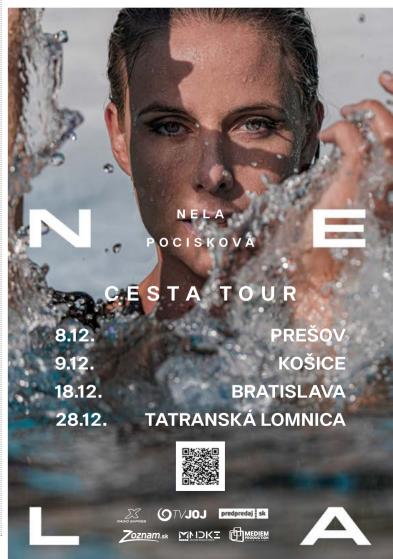
Slovak State Philharmonic Košice Zbyněk MÜLLER, dirigent, Košický spevácky zbor učiteľov, Maroš POTOKÁR, zbormajster, Collegium

19:00

Technicum, Tatiana KANIŠÁKOVÁ, zbormajsterka, Adriana BANÁSOVÁ, soprán, Maroš POTOKÁR, husle Barbora LENÁRTOVÁ, husle, Peter OLEJÁR, viola, Pavol ROZUM, kontrabas



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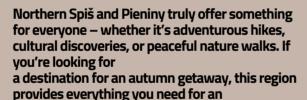


NORTHERN SPIŠ AND PIENINY: **AUTUMN ADVENTURES** IN THE EMBRACE OF

Northern Spiš and the Pieniny region transform into a true paradise in the autumn for lovers of both nature and culture. This region offers a variety of activities to enjoy during the cooler yet still pleasant fall days.

For outdoor enthusiasts, autumn is the perfect time for hiking in the Pieniny Mountains. One popular destination is Eliášovka, the highest peak of the Spiš Magura range. The hike to Eliášovka offers breathtaking views of the surrounding hills and valleys, as well as the peaceful atmosphere of the autumn forest. For those seeking a more spiritual experience, a visit to Hora Zvir, near the village of Litmanová, is an excellent choice. This pilgrimage site is popular among believers looking to find peace and strength in the serene setting.

If you're after a less challenging hike, the Jarabinský prielom is a must-visit. This unique ravine, carved by a river, is perfect for a shorter hike and is ideal for families with children. If you plan to stay in the area, consider booking accommodation at a cozy Tiny House Freedom SL located near the Jarabinský prielom. This small house offers the perfect blend of comfort and proximity to nature.

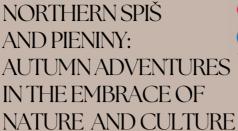


Northern Spiš isn't just about nature, though. Culture lovers will appreciate a visit to the Ľubovňa Castle and Open-Air Museum. Perched above the town of Stará Ľubovňa, this castle is the heart of the region, offering not only a glimpse into history but also spectacular views of the surrounding forests and hills. In Stará Ľubovňa, you can also visit

unforgettable experience.

St. Nicholas Church, renowned for its precious 14th-century frescoes, where history and art blend beautifully. For art enthusiasts, Provinčný Dom Gallery and Meštiansky dom are open, showcasing the rich history and culture of the region. For those looking for something a bit more unusual, a walk along the Mineral Springs Route is a fantastic option. This region is known for its natural springs, which are accessible to the public and believed to have healing properties.

Autumn is also the perfect time to experience a traditional rafting trip down the Dunajec River. If the weather is favorable, you can enjoy the view of colorful forests along the riverbanks while peacefully drifting down the river.

















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High Tatras with the highest peak – Gerlach's peak (2.655 metres above sea level), 24 km long mountain chain and 32 valleys are truthfully called "the smallest great mountains in the world". It offers more than 600 km of marked nature trails since early spring with scent of the awakening nature until the colourful autumn with typical weather of Indian summer.

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 km2. 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. 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.









At present, the rampart is one of the best preserved fortification systems enrolled in the European Found of Cultural Heritage. The old town (historical centre) was proclaimed Protected Urban Area as early as 1950s. Bardejov is a town with more than 770 years old history. The town with historical center created by uniquely preserved

urban complex with a structure of highly developed medieval town. The town with world-famous spa, beautiful natural surroundings and undisturbed enviroment.

Bardejov is situated in the north-eastern Slovakia, it spreads on both sides of the Topla river in the western part of the Low Beskids and the Ondavská vrchovina highlands. It is located at the crossroads od tourist routes - the West-Eastern one from the Tatras via Stará Ľubovňa in the direction of Svidník and Dukla, crossed from the south by route from Hungary through Košice and Prešov until the border with Poland. The Bardejov distict has 60km long common border with Poland.



IN YOUR LANGUAGE

Wooden churches

Objects of wooden sacral architecture as architectural treasures belong to outstanding historical monuments. In 1968, 27 wooden churches throughout Slovakia were declared the national cultural monument. In the region of Bardejov, there are 7 preserved and functional wooden churches standing at original place and two that have been transferred from original sites to the open air museum in Bardejovské Kúpele.



ARTICLE **IN YOUR**









Zborov Castle

The village is situated 10 km northerly of Bardejov. Scenary above the village is dominated by ruins of the Zborovský castle, which was used to serve as "a guardian" of the road to Poland. Originally a Gothic Castle was probably built on a site of former Slavonic fortress. The first mention about it is from 1250. It was the year when Belo IV. donated the castle to a nobleman Mako, and that's why the castle and the adjacent manor area werecalled Makovica. In 1548 King Ferdinand I. donated the castle to a captain from Košice, named Juraj Šeredy. Thanks to Šeredy family the castle was rebuilt and fortified. Last owners - family Rákóczí left the castle after its destruction by the imperial army in 1684 and moved into a mansion in the village. Only the St. Zofia Church remained preserved until nowadays. An important monument is the St. Margaret

Church, originally a Gothic one, with later Renaissance and Baroque redeveopments. Main altar of St, Margaret is from 1635 and was built in the styl of the German Renaissance.

Interior is decorated in Renaissance and Baroque styles. In the village there are military cemetery from the WWI., the memorial of the WWI. dedicated to 28th Prague regiment, and military cemetery from the WWII.



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Thank you	Ďakujem Vám (you - formally)
	Ďakujem Ti (you – informally)
Please	Prosím
You are welcome	Niet za čo
Good morning	Dobré ráno
Good day/hello	Dobrý deň
Good night	Dobrú noc
Hi	Ahoj, čau
Goodbye	Dovidenia
Yes / no	áno /nie
Excuse me	Prepáčte (formally)
	Prepáč (informally)
Bon apetite	Dobrú chuť
Cheers	Na zdravie
How are you?	Ako sa máte?
Fine / good	Dobre
Very good	Výborne
Bad	Zle
Nice to meet you	Teší ma
Here you are	Nech sa páči
Do you speak Engl	ish? Hovoríte po anglicky?
I don't understand	Nerozumiem
Pardon?	Prosím?
What does mea	n? Čo znamená ?
Where is ?	Kde je?
How much is it?	Koľko to stojí?
What time is it?	Koľko je hodín?
One ticket to	Jeden lístok do
What is your name	? Ako sa voláte / voláš?
My name is	Volám sa
I don't mind / It's o	k Nevadí
0k	Dobre

V reštaurácii At a restaurant

Do you have an English menu?

Máte jedálny lístok v angličtine?

- whate je	duliny listok v diligiletilie.
We have a reservation	Máme rezerváciu
May I have	Môžem poprosiť
What will you have?	Čo si dáte
to drink	na pitie
I'll have	Dám si
A beer	Jedno pivo
Big beer (0,5l)	veľké pivo
Small beer (0,31)	malé pivo
Another beer	Ešte jedno pivo
Mineral water	Minerálku
A bottle of red wine	Fľašu červeného vína
Orange juice	Pomarančový džú:
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The bill, please.	Účet, prosím / Zaplatím

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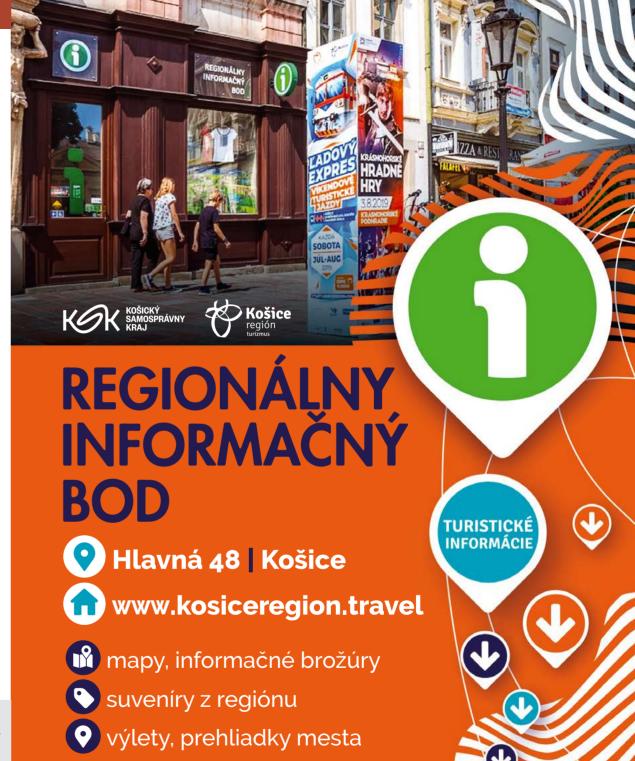
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