

# Slovakia

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Slovakia. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as the stay is less than 90 days.

### US Embassy/Consulate

+(421) (2) 5443-0861 or +(421) (2) 5443-3338; EMER: +(421) 903-703-666; US Embassy Bratislava, 814 99 Bratislava, Slovakia; [consulbratislava@state.gov](mailto:consulbratislava@state.gov); <https://sk.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

### Telephone Code

421

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 155; Fire: 150; Police: 158

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

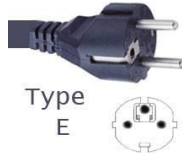
Temperate; cool summers; cold, cloudy, humid winters

### Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E



### Major Languages

Slovak, Hungarian, Roma, Ruthenian

### Major Religions

Roman Catholic 62%, Protestant 8.2%, Greek Catholic 3.8%

### Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

### Potable Water

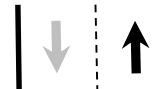
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### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Spis Castle; Slovak Paradise National Park; Pieniny Mountains; Demanovska Cave of Liberty; Vychodna Folklore Festival; Bratislava Castle; Tatra Mountains; Levoca

### Major Sports

Soccer, ice hockey, cycling, hiking, soccer

### Cultural Practices

Slovaks value their privacy. It takes a while for them to open up to and trust new people. As a result they can seem overly formal and reserved. They are not exuberant and are not given to emotional displays.

### Tipping Guidelines

A tip of 10-20% is expected in restaurants. In other settings, tipping is expected only from tourists. In such cases, either round up a bill or leave 10% of the total.

### Souvenirs

Cornhusk dolls and puppets, glass and crystal, musical instruments, woodcarvings, pottery and porcelain, hand-embroidered cloth, chocolate, cheese, ginger desserts, wine and brandy

### Traditional Cuisine

Bryndzové halušky — small boiled dumplings made from grated potato, flour, and egg then covered in a special sheep's cheese and topped with bacon bits and drippings

