

Sunday :30.04.2017
arrival of participants

Monday: 01.05.2017

You are accommodated at the Hotel Phoenix and the Hotel Premier.

There is so much to see in this old town.

9:00 Walking sightseeing tour round the town Trnava with professional guide(2EURs/person). He will take you outside your hotels.



City of Trnava

The uniqueness of cultural and historical sights and most of all the plenitude of church buildings are the main attributes of the ancient-looking Trnava, one of the most attractive towns in Slovakia. “The pearl” among Slovak towns, often called as “the little Slovak Rome”, has for centuries welcome tourists and visitors to show them its valuable treasures. Welcome to Trnava – the centre of **lower Považie**. Very long time ago, somewhere in the 9th century, there were markets held at the crossroad of the trade routes, and so the settlement established here was named after the market day – Sobota (Saturday). Not far from there to the west, another settlement was founded near the Trnávka creek, which was given the name Trnava. Step by step, the settlements were joined and created a small town which was granted an important privilege in 1238 by the king of the Kingdom of Hungary, Belo IV. Trnava as the first Slovak town got the privileges of the free royal town what induced its great economic and architectural development. Trnava experienced its greatest progress in the 16th century when it became a significant trade centre. In 1543, when Esztergom was occupied by Turkish, Trnava provided shelter to the Esztergom archbishop as well as canonry and that way it became also the church centre of the whole Kingdom of Hungary for nearly 300 years. The peak of the Trnava development was the last third of the 16th century when the town flourished most and attracted many immigrants from the near as well as far surrounding. Thus, when the cardinal Peter Pázmány founded a university in the town in 1635, Trnava became a prominent cultural centre. Town, worshiped as the “Athens of Kingdom of Hungary” or the “Residence of Muses” was acknowledged by the whole Europe. Although the university was move to Buda, the omnipresent genius loci remained forever. The university life as well as the presence of an archbishop in Trnava was interrupted for a while, but they returned back to the

town in 20th century. Since 1978 Trnava has been the seat of **an archbishop** again and the student life was revived in 1922 by founding **the Trnava University**.



Trnava takes pride mostly in its historical centre which was declared **a historical town reserve** in 1987. The architectonic treasures are protected by the well-preserved **Trnava city walls** which only few cities in the Middle Europe can boast with. Trnava people usually meet in the Trinity square full of good atmosphere and colourful cultural and social life. **The Town Tower**, which dominates the square, keeps watch over the town day and night. In 1574 it was ordered to be built by craftsman Jacob and from its view terrace you can admire an amazing view of Trnava and its surroundings. To the most valuable historical sights of Trnava definitely belongs **the Cathedral of St. John The Baptist**. Besides the stunning painting decorations, the colossal wooden main altar from 1640 is the highlight of its interior. The university church is to the core connected with other former university buildings such as collegium, grammar school, seminars and dormitories. The area of the oldest settlement in Trnava, in the St. Nicolas Square is for Trnava people oasis of quiet in which the far-back history of the famous medieval town is still present. Here is also present another important gothic monument – the parish church - **St. Nicolas Basilica**, which was the cathedral church of the Esztergom archbishop in 1543-1820. The weeping painting of the merciful Virgin Mary in the church can remind us of the sorrow and pain of the Trnava people at the time of the Turkish invasions and plague epidemics.



The biggest museum in the city is the **Western Slovakia Museum** which offers natural science, archaeological, historical and ethnographic expositions as well as arts and history displays. The fans of creative art surely know the **Gallery of Ján Koniarek** and the music lovers also the **Trnava musical spring of M. Sch. Trnavský**. Other popular events are the Traditional **Trnava Fair** taking place in September. Trnava is most of all the town of football because in the past its team - Spartak Trnava belonged to the best European football clubs. The recreation area **Kamenný mlyn** is dedicated to relaxing in the nature. One of its parts is formed by **Trnava's ponds** creating home for rare species of birds.

Let the walks around the oldest royal town inspire you to discover its interesting nooks.

Tuesday: 02.05.2017

10:00 departure to school by bus accompanied by our students. The bus will take you outside the hotel Phoenix.

10:15 welcome at our school. Visit and see our lectures, enjoy time spent with our students.

13:00 lunch at school (free)

14.00 presentation The play of the 21 century

14:30 official welcome ceremony

15:30 presentations of documentary films

project activity discussions

Wednesday 03.05.2017



9:00 Our bus will take you to the capital of Slovakia Bratislava.

10:00 Walking tour round the old city centre with professional guide up to Bratislava castle

12:00 lunch at Eurovea shopping centre

14:30 Bratislava - Devín



Cruises by sightseeing boats Bratislava - Devín

The most popular cruise to the ruins of the Devín Castle, and to the confluence of the Danube and the Moravia rivers. The Devín Castle, known since the 9th century, is now considered Slovak cultural monument and symbol of glorious Slavic history. The castle looms on a cliff above the Danube and the Moravia rivers, in the altitude of 212 meters. During the historical period of Great Moravia the castle has been used as a frontier fortress. In 1809 it was blown by the armies of Napoleon. At the present, outside and inside of the castle there are archaeological exhibitions visited every year by countless number of tourists from all around the world. Cruises take place from April to September.

The price : 14 Eur/person

Thursday 04.05.2017



TRENČIANSKY HRAD

9:00 departure to Trenčín to sightseeing tour round the town and the castle. The **Castle of Trenčín** built on top of a steep rock is undoubtedly the dominant of the town **Trenčín** and the region of **Považie**. The Castle, which is along with those of Spiš and Devín one of the biggest in Europe, is the National Cultural Monument. It was the **royal castle** from the 11th century. The bulky fortifying system is the result of progressive perfection of an important boundary fort, later seat of the county.

13:00 lunch (8 EUR)

14:00 city centre

16:00 departure to Trnava

Price of the castle admission : 4 EUR/person

Friday 5.05.2017

Departure of Italian, Turkish and Portugal teams

The price of the bus is 25 Eur/ person.

