



PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK  
UNIVERSITY  
IN KOŠICE

# THE ULTIMATE SURVIVAL GUIDE

FOR MOBILITY PARTICIPANTS

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# Welcome to UPJŠ!

We warmly welcome you to Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. We are very pleased that you have chosen to spend a part of your studies at our university and we hope that your mobility will be a memorable and valuable experience.

We believe that this brochure will help you to better orientate at our university and in Košice and answer most of your questions regarding your stay. Of course, should you need any further information or encounter any problem, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We wish you a wonderful time at our university!



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Room nr. 6, ground floor (Rectorate)



# 1. THE CITY OF KOŠICE

**Košice**, the metropolis of the East, is with its around 240 000 inhabitants the second largest city in Slovakia.

In the past, the city was a very important merchant centre, largely because of its ideal geographical location along the trade route between Budapest and the Polish territories, and its proximity to mining towns. It has always been an economic, cultural, and education centre.

On May 7th 1369, Košice was, as the first city in Europe, granted its own coat of arms, and we have been celebrating this event as Košice City Days since 1995. The city has a picturesque historical centre with many protected heritage buildings, various museums, galleries, theatres and cultural centres. Nowadays, the city is also an important industrial and IT centre of Slovakia.

The city is the seat of 3 public universities - Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Technical University of Košice and University of Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy in Košice, 1 private higher education institution - University of Security Management in Košice and 3 faculties from other Slovak universities.

Košice was named the European Capital of Culture for 2013 (together with Marseilles), the European City of Sport for 2016, and held the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in 2011 and in 2019 (together with Bratislava).

## DID YOU KNOW?



...that a non-official symbol of the city is a crow and the city inhabitants are nicknamed by other Slovaks as Vraňare (crow people)?

...that, since 1924, Košice holds the Košice Peace Marathon which is the oldest marathon in Europe and the second-oldest in the world (after the Boston Marathon)? It takes place on the first October Sunday, so if you come for the winter semester, you can participate :)



**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KOŠICE AND THE  
KOŠICE REGION:**

[HTTPS://WWW.KOSICEREGION.COM/EN/](https://www.kosiceregion.com/en/)

## 2. PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE

Wisdom of the Past – Knowledge of the Present – Education of the Future

Proudly reporting to the old traditions of Universitas Cassoviensis, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice was established in 1959 as the second oldest classical University in Slovakia. The University is named after Pavol Jozef Šafárik, a 19th-century Slovak philologist, poet, teacher, ethnographer, historian and one of the first scientific Slavists.

Nowadays, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University ranks among the important and recognized educational and scientific institutions not just in the Slovak Republic but also in Europe.

The University provides education in three main cycles - bachelor's, master's, doctor's and PhD. studies in different fields, and the process of education is provided in several study fields in both, Slovak and English language. It has five faculties – Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Public Administration and Faculty of Arts organized into institutes and departments, and also an Institute of Physical Education and Sport.

The key mission of the University is to provide higher education based on the newest scientific findings in a wide international context, following the European trends and goals laid down in the Bologna Declaration and other documents. The University co-operates intensively with academic institutions all around the world.



# 8X YES FOR UPJŠ



We are a research university known in Europe and worldwide.



Our state-of-the-art research infrastructure used for teaching and professional will ensure you excellent conditions on the job market.



We are a green university - we care about sustainable and healthy environment.



Quality study environment that meets everybody's needs.



Career and counseling services for every student.



Student Dormitories and Canteens.



University events and numerous get-together opportunities.



Student life in the metropolis of the East.

## 2.1 Organizational Structure

Studies at UPJŠ are offered by 5 faculties and the Institute of Physical Education and Sport.

### RECTORATE

Seat: Šrobárova 2 (Rectorate building)

### FACULTIES

#### Faculty of Medicine

**Dean's office:** Trieda SNP 1 (New Hospital)  
**Seats:** Trieda SNP 1 (New Hospital),  
Rastislavova 43 (Old Hospital), Šrobárova 2,  
many other seats

#### Faculty of Science

**Dean's office:** Šrobárova 2  
(Rectorate building)

Institute of Biology and Ecology

Seat: Moyzesova 11, Mánesova 23  
(Botanical Garden)

Institute of Chemistry

Seat: Moyzesova 11

Institute of Physics

Seat: Park Angelinum 9 / Jesenná 5

Institute of Geography

Institute of Mathematics

Seat: Jesenná 5

Institute of Computer Science

#### Faculty of Law

Seat: Kováčska 26

#### Faculty of Public Administration

Seat: Popradská 66





## Faculty of Arts

### Dean's office: Šrobárova 2 (Rectorate building)

Department of British  
and American Studies

Department of History

Department of Political Science

Department of Education  
Psychology and Psychology  
of Health

Department of Psychology

Department of Social Work

Department of Classical Philology

Department of Education

Department of Germanic Studies

Department of Philosophy

Department of Slovak Studies,  
Slavonic Philologies and  
Communication

Language Training Centre

Moyzesova 9  
(Platon building)

Moyzesova 9  
(Socrates building)

Moyzesova 9  
(Aristoteles building)



## University departments

Institute of Physical Education and Sport	Seat: Ondavská 11
Botanical Garden	Seat: Mánesova 23
University Library	Main seat: Moyzesova 9 (Gutenberg building), each faculty has also its own library
Technology and Innovation Park	Main seat: Trieda SNP 1, individual laboratories are located at different addresses
University Science Park Medipark	Seat: Trieda SNP 1
Centre for Communication and Information Technologies	Seat: Šrobárova 2 (Rectorate building)
Student Hostel and Canteen	Main seat: Medická 6, individual dormitories and canteens are located at different addresses
Lifelong Learning Center and Project Support	Seat: Šrobárova 2 (Rectorate building)
University Consuelling Center (UNIPOC)	Seat: Moyzesova 9 (Minerva building)

The Course Catalogue offered by the faculties, departments and institutes is regularly updated and sent to the Erasmus+ incoming students after their nomination. – odkaz na course catalogue je v texte neaktívny

The university's interactive map will show you the location of the faculties and facilities. – odkaz na



## 2.2 Practical information

### 2.2.1 Organisation of the academic year

The academic year consists of two semesters: winter term (starts in mid-September) and summer term (starts in the 2nd week of February). There are two big university holiday breaks: winter holidays (Christmas period - 1st of January) and main holidays (July-August), and several other free days. Please check our [academic calendar](#) for the relevant academic year for more information.

#### Public holidays

Jan 1 - Day of the Establishment of the Slovak Republic; Jan 6 - Epiphany; March/April (exact dates may vary every year) - Good Friday and Easter Monday; May 1 - Labour Day; May 8 - Day of the Victory over Fascism; Jul 5 - St Cyril and Methodius Day; Aug 29 - Slovak National Uprising Anniversary; Sep 1 - Constitution day; Sep 15 - Day of Our Lady of Sorrows; Nov 11 - All Saints' Day; Nov 17 - Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day; Dec 24 - 26 - Christmas

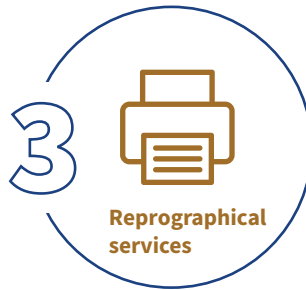
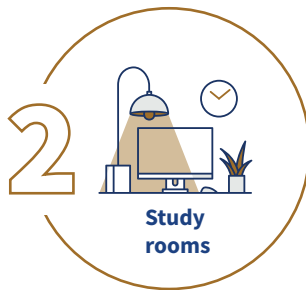
### 2.2.2 Study Results Assessment

The following grading scale is used at the university for the assessment of the study results:

- A** – excellent (excellent results) (numerical value 1),
- B** – very good (above-average results) (1.5),
- C** – good (average results) (2),
- D** – satisfactory (acceptable results) (2.5),
- E** – sufficient (results meet the minimum criteria) (3),
- FX** – failed (further work is required),
- X** – non-graded (did not pass, did not meet the required minimum criteria).

In selected subjects, credits may be awarded without an assessment grade. In these cases, the term “completed” shall be entered in the relevant records instead of a grade. The course is successfully completed if the student has obtained the rating from A to E or completed it. The student will only earn credits for the successfully completed study subject.

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY



### MAIN SEAT

Moyzesova 9 (Gutenberg building)

### STUDY ROOMS

**Faculty of Medicine**

Trieda SNP 1

**Faculty of Science**

Park Angelinum 9, Medická 6

**Faculty of Law**

Kováčska 26

**Faculty of Public Administration**

Popradská 66

**Faculty of Arts**

Moyzesova 9 (Gutenberg building)

**Austrian Library**

Moyzesova 9 (Socrates building)

## University Counselling Center (UNIPOC)

**The University Counselling Center** (UNIPOC) is a specialized department of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice providing legal, psychological, social and career counselling to UPJŠ students (including Erasmus+ students) free of charge. It also provides a support for students with special needs. UNIPOC organizes various events for students throughout the academic year (Career day, Internship fair, CV check...), where students can develop their competences, establish contacts with employers, gain important information in the field of mental health, or find employment in the labor market.



## Language Training Center

The Language Training Centre (LTC) is a facility of the Faculty of Arts offering students and employees a wide range of language courses for specific and academic purposes to increase their language competences in different languages.

Would you like to learn some Slovak? You will be the most welcome to register for our Slovak Language for Erasmus Students course!

## Institute of Physical Education and Sport

*Healthy Mind In A Healthy Body!*

Want to stay fit and socialize with other students? Our Institute of Physical Education and Sport offers for students of all faculties (including Erasmus students) various courses for credits during semester, as well as short-term winter and summer courses. Students, who come for a full-year mobility, can also participate in the University League. Sport teachers will be happy to give you more information if you are interested. We also have a Sports club TJ Slávia UPJŠ.





## UPJŠ E-shop

We are sure you will have plenty and plenty of beautiful memories from your Erasmus+ mobility. Whether you are a souvenir lover, want to buy a small reminder of our university, or maybe you have broken all your pencils during your passionate preparation for exams, make sure to check our University E-Shop.

## Botanical Garden

The Botanical Garden (BG) is a research and teaching unit of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, in a broader sense being an educational and cultural establishment of the region of East Slovakia of both national and international significance. Extending on an area of 30 hectares, with its greenhouses covering an area of 3,500 square metres and a collection of over 4,000 species, subspecies, and cultivars of plants, it is the largest botanic garden in Slovakia; plant communities in the area of the Botanic Garden are complemented by rare and endangered species of animals that have found their home here. It has the largest collection of cacti and cycads in Slovakia; very rare specimens of various tropical and subtropical plants, such as unique orchids, as well as “living fossils”, such as wolemia, ginkgo or redwood.



### 3. YOUR MOBILITY AT UPJŠ IN KOŠICE

At UPJŠ the mobility programmes are managed either by the central International Relations Office ([Erasmus+](#), [Free Mover program](#)), or by the international relations offices of the individual faculties ([National Scholarship Programme](#), [Visegrad Fund](#), [Ceepus](#), etc.).

While the application processes and the mobility documents may differ within the individual mobility schemes, the practical steps before, during, and after the mobility are essentially the same.

Before we start, it is important for you to know, who to contact in case you have questions!



#### QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ERASMUS+ AND THE FREE MOVER PROGRAMME:



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#### QUESTIONS REGARDING OTHER MOBILITY SCHEMES, E.G.

National Scholarship Programme, Visegrad Fund, Ceepus, etc.



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## 3.1 ERASMUS+ AT UPJŠ

In this chapter we will guide you through the procedure from the perspective of the Erasmus+ programme since the majority of the international mobility students visits us via this scheme.

### 3.1.1 Application procedure

#### BEFORE THE MOBILITY – the first steps:

##### NOMINATION

- 1.** Contact the International Relations Office of your home University and find out whether your university has an Inter-Institutional Agreement with UPJŠ.
- 2.** If you want to come for an Erasmus+ mobility for traineeships, an Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreement is not required, but some universities may need it, so please verify what rules are applied at your home university.
- 3.** For both Erasmus+ mobility for studies and traineeships, you have to pass the selection procedure at your home university and be officially nominated by your home university.
- 4.** Deadlines for nomination for study mobilities: 15th May for the winter semester and the whole academic year, 15th November for the summer semester. There are no deadlines for the nomination for Erasmus+ mobility for traineeships.
- 5.** As soon as your nomination is approved by our university, we will send you an acceptance letter and information about the application procedure and further steps.

## APPLICATION

- We will need the following documents before your mobility:
- (Online) Learning Agreement for Studies or Learning Agreement for Traineeships - part Before the Mobility. The Learning Agreement has to be signed by all parties before the beginning of your mobility. [The Course Catalogue](#) with the list of courses for the incoming students is regularly updated and sent to the students after their nomination.
- English Language Certificate or, if you do not have any, a Language Proficiency Form filled-in by your home coordinator. Please note that the required level of English (or Slovak) language knowledge of Erasmus students is B1/B2 (depending on the study field), according to CEFR.
- Photo of Yours
- an Accommodation Application Form (if you wish to be accommodated in a student dormitory)
- Other documents, if needed (for example students from non EU countries – passport, residence card, proof of the financial coverage in English and in Slovak language).
- Incoming students visiting us within KA171 have to ensure travel insurance covering the entire duration of the mobility including the days of travel. An incoming mobile participant has to send a copy of the insurance to the IRO before the start of the mobility.
- If you have prepared all the necessary documents, which need to be uploaded, please fill in the [online application form](#).
- **Deadlines for applications** for Erasmus+ mobility for studies: **15th June** for the winter semester and the whole academic year, **30th November** for the summer semester.
- Copies of all documents approved by our university will be sent to you or your home university.
- Please keep in touch with the International Relations Office regarding other steps before the mobility and please inform the IRO about the exact date of your arrival.
- Please do not forget to arrange your travel insurance.

### ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES RELATED TO ENTRY AND STAY IN SLOVAKIA

Before making any arrangement regarding your travel to Slovakia, please carefully study the following document: **ENTRY, STAY AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGNERS IN SLOVAKIA** - guide to administrative duties or contact the nearest **Slovak Republic Embassy**. We also recommend you to carefully study the following document: **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S GUIDE TO SLOVAKIA**.



## DURING THE MOBILITY

### First days at the university

- At the beginning of each semester, the International Relations Office organizes an introductory meeting for the incoming Erasmus students and an introductory meeting with the faculty/departmental/institute Erasmus coordinators is also ensured.
- Moreover, the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) in Košice organizes plenty of activities for Erasmus incoming students during the first days (and of course, lot of activities during the semester as well).

### Signing the financial agreement with the KA171 participants

We will need to sign a financial agreement and in order to do so, you will have to establish a Slovak bank account. For further information see [our website](#).

### Register with the Police Office for Foreigners

Please do not forget your duties towards the Police Office for Foreigners. The guidelines are introduced on [our website](#) and also in the document [ENTRY, STAY AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGNERS IN SLOVAKIA](#).

### Changes in the Learning Agreement

If approved by the coordinators at both the sending and the receiving institutions, you can add more courses or delete some of the previously chosen courses (as soon as possible in order not to miss many lectures). A Learning Agreement – part During the Mobility has to be signed by all parties and should be signed no later than 1 month after the beginning of the mobility.

### Prolongation of the mobility

If you wish to prolong your mobility, please inform us about it in advance (according to the Erasmus+ rules, you should ask for a prolongation at least 1 month before the planned end of your mobility, however, if you are a non-EU student and need to prolong also your stay in Slovakia/EU, it is necessary to arrange it even earlier). The prolongation is possible only if approved by the coordinators at both the sending and the receiving institutions.

### Before leaving

You have to bring us a confirmation from the University Library, a confirmation from the student dormitory and a Post-Visit Evaluation = a short questionnaire about what you liked/did not liked about your stay etc. You can send this document also by email, but it would be nice to see you and say you goodbye in person. For further information see [our website](#). KA171 participants will also need to submit an online EU Survey report.

## AFTER THE MOBILITY

- After you finish your mobility and receive the evaluation from all the courses, we will send to you and to your home university/institution a Learning Agreement – part After the Mobility - table C (=a confirmation about your mobility dates and a transcript of records).
- KA171 participants will also receive a supplementary online report (2nd part of the EU Survey report) regarding the recognition of your studies at home and we would like to kindly ask you to submit it.

### 3.2 Academic Erasmus+ Coordinators

In order to provide full support for the Erasmus+ incoming students, UPJŠ had designated [academic Erasmus+ coordinators](#) at the individual faculties, institutes and departments, who will guide you through the process of course selection, schedule management, study requirements, and practical issues on the level of your chosen faculty.

### 3.3 Courses

The list of courses that are offered by our faculties for the incoming Erasmus+ students is available in our regularly updated. Apart from the regular specialised courses we also offer courses that are available for every study field:

1. **our Slovak Language for Erasmus Students course is available for every incoming student (free of charge),**
2. **we also offer an Intercultural Communication course for those, who would like to learn more about other cultures, and improve their intercultural competences,**
3. **you can also choose from a variety of Certified International Interdisciplinary Courses**
4. **do you want to stay fit and socialize with other students? Our Institute of Physical Education and Sport offers for students of all faculties (including Erasmus students) various courses for credits during semester, as well as short-term winter and summer courses**

### 3.4 Erasmus Student Network Košice

The Erasmus Student Network Košice is a volunteer international organization. Its members are the students of the Košice universities, who help incoming students during their mobilities, and organize various events and programmes for them during the academic year. ESN works for the benefits of all students taking part in an exchange programme, regardless of their origin. They provide a mentoring (buddy) system for you. International students, while in Košice, will have the possibility to attend various programmes, give lessons about their country, culture, and traditions, to create cultural awareness among the local students and fight stereotypes.

### 3.5 Erasmus Introductory Meetings

Our International Relations Office organizes Erasmus Introductory Meetings at the beginning of each semester for the incoming students. Your attendance on the meeting is highly recommended as we are discussing there all the necessary and key information that incoming students should know before the start of their mobility.



## 4. PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR STAY

### STUDENT CANTEENS

#### Canteens:

Moyzesova 9

Medická 4

Trieda SNP 1

Jesenná 9

Mánesova 23

Popradská 66, 76

Faculty of Arts - Socrates building

Student Halls of Residence

Medical Faculty

Faculty of Science

Botanical Garden

Faculty of Public Administration/Student Halls of Residence

Small refreshments (coffee, tea, beverages, sandwiches, small pastry...) are offered also in the cafeteria in Minerva (building at Moyzesova 9) or in **BotaniCafe** next to our Botanical Garden.

### Housing

The accommodation at UPJŠ is offered in the university Halls of Residence. Due to capacity reasons, incoming Erasmus students are usually accommodated at our partner dormitories. Further information on accommodation will be provided before your arrival.

### ISIC - international student ID card

Before your arrival to our university, we will inform you about the steps of obtaining an UPJŠ ISIC.

Some of the advantages of the UPJŠ ISIC card:

- UPJŠ library pass
- authorized area entry
- discounts in the student canteen
- discounts on transport for students under 26
- discounts in selected shops, museums, theatres, cinemas, galleries etc.

### Contact to the Administration of Personal Identification Cards (AIO)

Správa AIO, ClaKT

Šrobárova 2, 04001 Košice

(rectorate building, 1st floor, room 120)

055 234 1514 / 055 234 1512 / [aio@upjs.sk](mailto:aio@upjs.sk)



## UNIVERSITY EMAIL ADDRESS

UPJŠ students (including Erasmus+ and other mobility students) obtain after registration to the Academic Information System (AIS) an UPJŠ university email address. We will inform you about the necessary steps after your arrival. Further information: <https://www.upjs.sk/en/how-to/email/>

## WIFI

UPJŠ is a member of the Eduroam network, so you can access Wifi with your eduroam login that you already have from your university (if you have one) or you can create the eduroam login with your UPJŠ university email address: <https://www.upjs.sk/en/how-to/wifi/windows/>

## HOW TO GET TO/FROM KOŠICE

### By plane

- Košice airport : <https://www.airportkosice.sk/en>
- The closest airport after Košice airport is Budapest airport. There are several shuttle bus companies that operate between Budapest airport and Košice, e.g. Cassovia Expres, Cassovia Transfer, Izijet, Airtrans, etc. (the journey takes around 3h30m) or there is also a direct train connection between Budapest city centre (from Keleti train station) and Košice city centre (the journey also takes around 3h30m).
- Other airports not so far from Košice are Bratislava airport, Krakow airport, and Vienna airport.



### By train or by bus

Košice railway station, Košice bus station (main train station and bus station)

- **train and bus schedules:** <https://cp.hnonline.sk/vlak/spojenie/>
- **train schedules:** <https://www.zsr.sk/>  
<https://www.zssk.sk/en/services/travel-information/>



## ZERO-FARE TRAINS AND STUDENT DISCOUNTS IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

Students under 26 years of age (both EU and non-EU citizens) can apply for zero fare transport services. If you wish to use zero-fare transport services, first you need to register at ZSSK ticket desks. More information is available at: <https://www.zssk.sk/en/zero-fare/>

Zero-fare transport services are valid only for trains operated by ZSSK, but students under 26 years of age with a valid ISIC card are entitled to other discounts in transport services depending on the rules of each transport company. If you wish to claim these discounts, please, verify the rules with the relevant transport company.

## TRANSPORT IN KOŠICE

- Buses and trams in Košice are operated by the public transport company DPMK (Dopravný podnik mesta Košice): <https://www.dpmk.sk/cestovanie/fares-excerpt-foreign-visitors>
- Students under 26 who own a valid UPJŠ ISIC card can get a student discount price for the tickets (paper time tickets, time tickets purchased electronically from the ISIC card, prepaid time tickets - 7/30/90 days) after having the activation done at the university terminals and after the activation done at DPMK.
- You can buy the tickets via SMS if you have a Slovak telephone number by sending an empty message to the 1166 number.
- Tickets are also sold at newspaper stands, automats, or via mobile applications, e.g. Hopin, Ubian.
- There are different taxi services in Košice. If you want to use their services, we recommend you to verify the price of your journey in advance, since different companies have different fares.

## „ALTERNATIVE“ TRANSPORT OPTIONS:

- Bolt „taxis“: <https://bolt.eu/sk/>
- Bikes sharing by ANTIK Telecom: <https://www.verejnybicykel.sk/en/>
- Scooters sharing (motor scooters) by ANTIK Telecom: <https://www.verejnyskuter.sk/en/> - please note that those scooters are motor scooters and therefore, for using ANTIK e-scooter it is necessary to have AM driving licence, that is part of B driving licence. Minimal age for driving an e-scooter is 18 years).
- Scooters sharing (electric scooters) by Bolt: <https://bolt.eu/sk/scooters/> and several other companies.
- Shared electric cars: <https://site.sharengo.sk/ako-funguje-sharengo/>





## CLIMATE

In Slovakia, there are four seasons (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter), each lasting three months. The Slovak climate lies between the temperate and continental climate zones, so we have relatively warm summers and cold and humid winters. The weather differs from the mountainous north (lower temperatures) to the plains in the south (higher temperatures).

In Košice, the coldest month is January, with an average temperature around  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the hottest month is July, with an average temperature around  $19^{\circ}\text{C}$ . However, in summer the temperatures can rise to over  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  on some days and drop below  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$  in other days; in winter, the temperatures are usually  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  or slightly higher but can also drop below  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  (and nights can be even colder).

Therefore, both warm clothes and light clothes will be useful to you during your mobility. Also, prepare for a little (sometimes more than a little :D ) wind as well.

## MOBILE NETWORK OPERATORS IN SLOVAKIA

### Mobile network operators:

**Orange Slovensko**

**Slovak Telekom**

**O2 Slovakia**

**4ka (SWAN)**

### Virtual operators:

**FunFón** (Orange Slovensko)

**Juro** (Slovak Telekom)

**Tesco mobile** (Tesco / O2 Slovakia)



## SURVIVAL VOCABULARY

Hello	Ahoj (informal, familiar) Dobrý deň (formal/to someone you do not know)
Goodbye	Dovidenia
Good evening	Dobrý večer
Good night	Dobrá noc
Thank you	Ďakujem
Please	Prosím
Here you are	Nech sa páči/Prosím
Sorry/Excuse me	Prepáč (informal, familiar) Prepáčte (formal/to someone you do not know)
How are you?	Ako sa máš? (informal, familiar) Ako sa máte? (formal/to someone you do not know)
I am fine, thank you.	Mám sa dobre, ďakujem.
What is your name?	Ako sa voláš?
Nice to meet you.	Teší ma
Yes/No	Áno/Nie
I do not understand (Slovak)	Nerozumiem (po slovensky)
Where is...?	Kde je...?
How much is...?	Koľko stojí...?
Help	Pomoc
Be careful, attention	Pozor

University	Univerzita
Faculty	Fakulta
Department (part of a faculty)	Katedra
Institute (part of a faculty)	Ústav
Room	Miestnosť
Rectorate	Rektorát
Office	Kancelária
Assembly hall	Aula
Floor	Poschodie
Ground floor	Prízemie
Door	Dvere
Student dormitory	Internát
Canteen	Jedáleň
Student Administration Office	Študijné oddelenie

Airport	Letisko
Bus station/Train station	Autobusová stanica/Vlaková stanica
Stop (bus stop, tram stop)	Zastávka
Train	Vlak
Bus	Autobus
Tram	Električka
Trolley	Trolejbus
Car	Auto
Taxi	Taxi (of course :D)
Ticket	Lístok
Street	Ulica
Avenue	Trieda
Square	Námestie
Pharmacy	Lekáreň
Doctor	Doktor/Lekár
Hospital	Nemocnica
Clinic/Medical centre	Poliklinika

Beer	Pivo
Wine	Víno
Water	Voda (do not confuse with Vodka :D)
Coffee	Káva
Tea	Čaj
Milk	Mlieko
Meal	Jedlo
Main meal	Hlavné jedlo
Appetizer	Predjedlo
Breakfast	Raňajky
Lunch	Obed
Dinner	Večera
Cake	Koláč (small cake)/Torta (big cake that you cut into pieces)
Grocery store	Potraviny
Open	Otvorené
Closed	Zatvorené
Pause/Break	Prestávka
Ice Hockey World Championship	Majstrovstvá sveta v (ľadovom) hokeji (trust us, it will be a very useful expression in the period of May )



Would you like to learn more? You will be the most welcome to register for our [Slovak Language for Erasmus Students](#) course. You will learn about it more on our introductory meeting!

You can learn Slovak with the help of websites as well:

[www.slovake.eu/en](http://www.slovake.eu/en)

[www.e-slovak.sk](http://www.e-slovak.sk)

[www.memrise.com/courses/english/slovak/](http://www.memrise.com/courses/english/slovak/)

[www.ucimesaslovincinu.sk](http://www.ucimesaslovincinu.sk)

## EMERGENCY

European emergency telephone number: **112**

**Please call 112** in case of any emergency, in which your life, health or property is in danger.

This number joins different emergency services – the fire brigade, ambulance, police and other emergency services in Slovakia (Railway police, Mountain rescue, etc.)



<b>Fire and Rescue Service</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Ambulance service</b>	<b>155</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>City police</b>	<b>159</b>

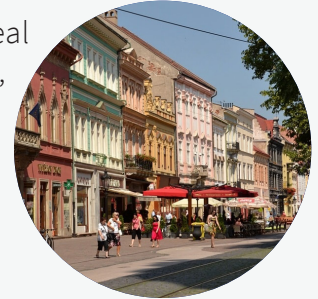


# 5. GET TO KNOW KOŠICE

## 5.1 Things to see in Košice

### HISTORICAL CITY CENTRE

**Main Street (“Hlavná ulica”)** A former medieval square, the Main Street is the real heart of the city. It will charm you with its pleasant and friendly atmosphere, beautiful monuments and colourful historical buildings. The whole street is a pedestrian zone where you can relax in its three parks, enjoy a drink or a meal in its various cafés, patisseries (yes, we love cakes and ice-creams :D), restaurants, bars and pubs or buy something nice in its boutiques.



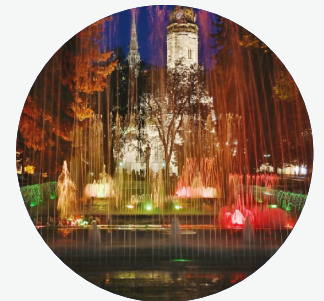
### **St. Elisabeth’s Cathedral**



St. Elisabeth’s Cathedral is the largest church in Slovakia (60m long and 36m wide). The construction works begun in 1378 and it took more than 100 years to build it. It was consecrated to St. Elisabeth of Hungary, patron of hospitals, homeless, nurses, young brides, widows, dying children, bakers and nowadays patron of the city of Košice. Both the interior and the exterior of the cathedral is simply magnificent, and if you climb the north - Sigismund’s tower, you will be rewarded with a view of Košice from above. Legend says that one of the gargoyles on the roof of the cathedral represents an unflattering drunk caricature of the builder’s wife, so everyone can see what kind of a woman she was - will you be able to find her? The visitors can visit also the underground crypt that hides the tomb of Francis II Rákóczi, the leader of an uprising against the Habsburg dynasty in the early 18th century.

### **Singing Fountain and Carillon**

A square between the Košice State Theatre and the St. Elisabeth’s Cathedral has a small park encircled by tall trees, ideal to relax and enjoy an ice cream :) At the centre of the park, you will find a singing fountain (the oldest in the former Czechoslovakia) that lights and sprays water synchronously with the music and a carillon with 22 bells (representing 22 city boroughs) that chimes every hour.





### **Košice State Theatre**

Built in the late 19th century in the Eclectic style combining Neo-baroque and Secession elements, Košice State Theatre is hosting different operas, theatre plays and ballets. It has a breathtaking interior with paintings from Shakespeare's tragedies on the ceiling.

### **Beggar's House**

This charming house dated back to the 14th century, reconstructed in the 18th and finally in the late 19th century in Art-Nouveau style, is linked to another very well-known urban legend. The legend says that the house was built by a city beggar from his beggar alms. On the roof of the house, you can find a statue of a man taking off his hat, allegedly representing the beggar, who is greeting all who contributed to his house, the statue is a merchant.



### **Crafts Lane (Hrnčiarska Street)**

This romantic street, also known as the "Crafts Lane" is home to different crafts shops that are perfect for souvenir shopping and periodically host workshops for those who wish to learn a bit of their craft. You will find there different pubs too. At the corner of the street, near the Calvinist Church, you will find the flat of the former city executioner and Mikluš prison.



### **New Orthodox Synagogue (Puškinova Street)**

This still active synagogue was built in the 1920s. At the entrance, you can find a memorial plaque in memory of 12,000 Košice's Jewish citizens who were sent to the concentration camps in the Second World War.



## OUTSIDE THE HISTORICAL CITY CENTRE

### KOŠICE ZOO AND SUMMER TOBOGGAN RIDE (KAVEČANY)

With the area of 288ha, the Košice ZOO is the largest zoological garden in central Europe. It is home to more than 240 different animal species, has the biggest aviary in Slovakia, and the biggest areal of the brown bear in central Europe. In 2002, bear quintuplets were born in this ZOO and these five cute cubs earned a Guinness World Record. There is also a Dinopark. In front of the ZOO, there is a summer toboggan ride (“bobová dráha”) where visitors can enjoy a run downhill in a stainless steel slide. The ZOO is easily accessible by public transport (bus no.29).

Source: <http://www.zookosice.sk/>



### MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES: EAST SLOVAK MUSEUM (2 MAIN HISTORICAL BUILDINGS)

Košice Gold Treasure, Rodoshto, Mikluš prison), Technical Museum, Museum of Aviation (at the airport), Underground Archaeological Museum, Museum in Nižná Myšľa (archaeological and cultural museum near Košice), East Slovak Gallery, Vojtech Löffler Museum, Sándor Márai Memorial Exhibition, Nostalgia Cassovia Oldtimer (vintage cars) and many other smaller galleries are waiting for you.



### THEATRES:

Košice State Theatre (main building and “Nová Scéna”), Puppet Theatre, Thália Színház Theatre (mainly in Hungarian language), Romathan Theater (Roma professional theatre) and other smaller theatres offer many interesting plays and programmes for their guests.

## OTHER CULTURAL CENTRES:

Kunsthalle (former swimming pool), Kasárne Kulturpark and Steelpark (former army barracks), Tabačka Kulturfabrik (former tobacco factory), Amphitheatre, SPOTs (“výmenníky”) offer various cultural events during the year.





## REGULAR CULTURAL, GASTRONOMIC AND SPORT EVENTS IN KOŠICE:

Winter Food Festival	January/February
Košice City Days (“Dni mesta Košice”)	late April/beginning of May
Košice Music Spring (classical music festival)	April/May
Long Night of Museums and Galleries	May
Use The City (street art festival)	May/June
Balloon Fiesta	June
Košice Gourmet Festival	June
Art Film Fest	June
Cassovia Folkfest (international folklore festival)	June
Košice Wine Festival	September
Central Europe Theatre Festival	September
Košice Beer Festival	September
White Night (“Biela noc”)	September/October
Košice Peace Marathon	first October Sunday
Soup Festival (“Polievkový festival”)	October
Jazz for Sale	October/November
Night of Theatres	October
Sacral Arts Festival	November
Košice Magical Christmas	December

Please note that the event dates in this guide are only approximate - please always check the actual dates on the website of the event or in information centres.

**USEFUL LINKS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT KOŠICE  
AND EVENTS IN THE CITY:**

<https://www.visitkosice.org/en>

<https://www.kosice.sk/en>

<http://www.mickosice.sk/>

Košice offers a wide variety of [restaurants](#) and [clubs](#), where you can taste the local specialties and enjoy a night out!

**Do not hesitate! Apply for a  
mobility at UPJŠ in Košice right  
now!**