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 (abbr. UPJŠ). 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!


**International Relations and Internationalisation Office**

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Slovakia

Ground floor, door no. 6 & 17

# 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 :)

# 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, UPJŠ 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, UPJŠ ranks among the important and recognized educational and scientific institutions not just in the Slovak Republic but also in Europe.

UPJŠ provides education in three main cycles - bachelor's, master's, docto'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 UPJŠ 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. UPJŠ co-operates intensively with academic institutions all around the world.

# >>8X YES FOR UPJŠ

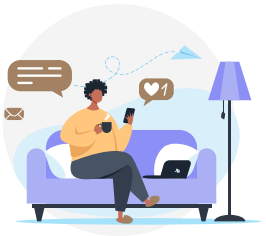
We are a research university known in Europe and worldwide.

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)<br>**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<br>Institute of Mathematics<br>Institute of Computer Science | Seat: Jesenná 5 |
| **Faculty of Law** | **Seat: Kováčska 26** |
| **Faculty of Public Administration** | **Seat: Popradská 66** |

## Faculty of Arts

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

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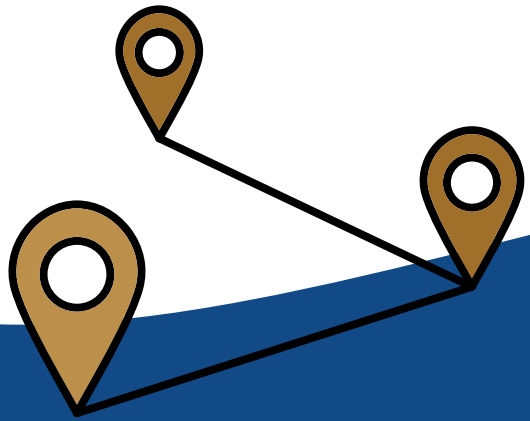
| Department of British and American Studies<br>Department of History<br>Department of Political Science | Moyzesova 9<br>(Platon building) |
| Department of Education Psychology and Psychology of Health<br>Department of Psychology<br>Department of Social Work | Moyzesova 9<br>(Socrates building) |
| Department of Classical Philology<br>Department of Education<br>Department of Germanic Studies<br>Department of Philosophy<br>Department of Slovak Studies, Slavonic Philologies and Communication Language<br>Language Training Centre | Moyzesova 9<br>(Aristoteles building) |

VIRTUAL TOUR

## 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: Šrobárová 2 (Rectorate building) |
| Student Hostel and Canteen | Main seat: Medická 6 (individual dormitories and canteens located at different addresses) |
| Lifelong Learning Center and Project Support | Seat: Šrobárová 2 (Rectorate building) |
| University Counselling Center (UNIPOC) | Seat: Moyzesova 9 (Minerva building) |

The university's interactive map will show you the location of the faculties and facilities: **www.upjs_kosice.tematickemapy.sk/mapa/mapa.html**



## 2.2 Practical information and Student Services

### Organisation of the academic year

The academic year consists of two semesters: winter semester(starts in mid-September) and summer semester(starts in the second week of February). There are two big university holiday breaks: winter holidays (Dec 24 - Jan 1) and main holidays (Jul - Aug), and several other free days.

General academic calendar is available at: **www.upjs.sk/en/calendar-catalogue**

### Public Holidays:

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| **Jan 1** | Day of the Establishment of the Slovak Republic |
| **Jan 6** | Epiphany |
| **March/April** | Good Friday and Easter Monday |
| **May 1** | Labour Day |
| **May 8** | Day of the Victory over Fascism |
| **Jul 5** | St. Cyril and St. Methodius Day |
| **Aug 29** | Slovak National Uprising Anniversary |
| **Sep 15** | Day of Our Lady of Sorrows |
| **Nov 1** | All Saints' Day |
| **Dec 24 - 26** | Christmas |

## 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 Email Account

Once registered in our Academic Information System (AiS), all students at UPJŠ gain access to a university Microsoft 365 account. The login credentials are obtained in AiS.
More information: **www.upjs.sk/en/onepoint#microsoft365**

## Internet Access

The university premises are covered by the Eduroam WiFi. Information on setting up access to the wifi is available here:
**www.upjs.sk/en/onepoint#wifi**

## Canteens

Catering for students is available at several university canteens around Košice:

| | |
|---|---|
| **Moyzesova 9** | Faculty of Arts - Socrates building |
| **Medická 4** | Student Hostel |
| **Trieda SNP 1** | Faculty of Medicine |
| **Jesenná 9** | Faculty of Science |
| **Mánesova 23** | Botanical Garden |
| **Popradská 66, 76** | Faculty of Public Administration/Student Hostel |

Small refreshments are offered also in **café Minerva** (Moyzesova 9) at the Faculty of Arts campus or in **BotaniCafe** (Mánesova 23) next to our Botanical Garden.

## Housing

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

## International Student Identity Card (ISIC)

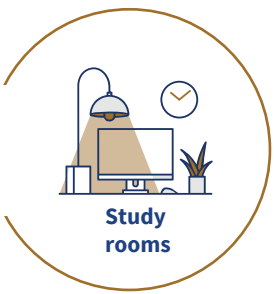
Every student coming for a long-term stay is required to have an ISIC issued. The card is used to access university premises, canteen, library etc. It comes with benefits in form of discounts to public transport and cultural venues.

ISICs at UPJŠ are issued and administered by **the Administration of Personal Identification Cards (AIO)** located at the Rectorate (first floor, room no. 120). In case of issues with ISIC, feel free to contact:

055 234 1514 / 055 234 1512 / **aio@upjs.sk**

# UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Loan services


Study rooms

Reprographical services

Bibliobox

Information and search and retrieval services

Inter-library loan services

Service for users with specific needs

University Bookshop

| 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 (Gutenberg building) |

## University Counselling Center

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 mobility 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 mobility 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 stay. 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 out: **www.eshop.upjs.sk**.

## Botanical Garden

The Botanical Garden 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 of the Slovak Republic, 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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Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
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Room no. 6 & 17, ground floor (Rectorate)
zahrodd@upjs.sk

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

National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic, Visegrad Fund, Ceepus, etc.

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## 3.1 ERASMUS+ AT UPJŠ

Please, contact the International Relations Office at your home University and find out whether your university has an Inter-Institutional Agreement with UPJŠ, which is required for study stays and may be required for traineeships.

Our list of partner universities and more information on Erasmus+ is available here: **www.upjs.sk/en/erasmus**

### Nomination

After you were officially nominated by your home university, and the nomination has been approved by our university, you will receive a Letter of Acceptance and information on the application procedure and further steps.

**Deadlines for nomination** for study mobilites are:

- **15th May** for the first semester and full academic year,
- **15th November** for the second semester.

As an official nomination is not required, there are **no deadlines for traineeships**.

## Application Procedure

We will need the following documents before your mobility:

- Learning Agreement, signed by  both the sending and the receiving institution
- Language Certificate
- Other documents, if needed

KA171 participants must arrange a travel insurance covering the entire mobility duration, including days of travel.

Language Certificates are not required of English and/or Slovak native speakers.

Once all necessary documents are prepared, please, fill in our Online Application Form:
**www.forms.upjs.sk/incoming-students**

**Deadlines for applications** for Erasmus+ mobility for studies:
- **15th June** for the first semester and full academic year
- **30th November** for the second semester

**Do not forget to arrange your travel insurance.**

## Legal Duties Related to Entry and Stay in Slovakia

Always check your legal duties related to your stay in Slovakia (even if you are an EU citizen!). Concise information is available at:
**www.upjs.sk/en/onepoint#entry-and-stay**

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the nearest Embassy of the Slovak Republic: **www.mzv.sk/en/web/en/ministry**

## After Your Arrival

### Meet the Erasmus Coordinators

At the beginning of each semester, the International Relations Office (IRO) arranges an introductory meeting for the incoming Erasmus students. Students arriving after the beginning of the semesters will be invited to a meeting at the IRO.

### Sign the financial agreement (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:
**www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/**

### Register with the Foreign Police Office

In 10 or 3 days of your arrival depending on whether you are an EU citizen or not respectively, you should submit the Notice of the Stay at the local Foreign Police Office. More information is available here:
**www.upjs.sk/en/onepoint#entry-and-stay**

### Changes in the Learning Agreement

In the first month of your arrival, you are allowed to make changes to your Learning Agreement if approved by the coordinators at both the sending and the receiving institutions. Should the need arise, please, contact your home coordinator.

### Extending the Mobility Duration

If approved by the coordinators at both the sending and the receiving institutions, it is possible to extend the duration of your mobility. The extension should be done at least a month before the planned end of your mobility. In case you are not an EU citizen, it is necessary to arrange the extension even earlier due to potential legal duties.

### The End of Your Stay

After you finish your mobility and receive the evaluation from all the courses, we will send to you and to your home university the Transcript of Records and the Certificate of Attendance.

We kindly ask you to return all borrowed  books and pay off any potential debts at the University Library and the student dormitory (if you stayed there).

KA171 participants will also receive a supplementary online report (second 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 regularly updated and available online: **www.upjs.sk/en/calendar-catalogue/**. Apart from the regular specialised courses, we also offer courses that are available to students of all study fields:

- Slovak Language for Erasmus Students
- Intercultural Communication
- Certified International Interdisciplinary Courses
- Sport Activities

## 3.4 Erasmus Student Network Košice

The Erasmus Student Network Košice (ESN Košice) is a volunteer student international organization providing support and cultural programme to incoming Erasmus+ students free-of-charge.

- **Buddy Programme**
- **National Evenings**
- **Hiking Trips**
- **Pub Quiz**
- **Sport Events**
- **and more!**

Feel free to contact the ESN at **kosice@esn.sk** or on Instagram: **@esn.kosice**.

# 4. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

There are several options  how to get to Košice the choice of which depends on your country of departure.

**Plane**

- Košice Airport : **www.airportkosice.sk/en**
- Budapest Airport: **www.bud.hu/en**
- Krakow Airport: **www.krakowairport.pl/en**
- Bratislava Airport: **www.bts.aero/en/**
- Vienna Airport: **www.viennaairport.com/en/**

The closest airport after Košice airport is Budapest airport. In orderd to get from Budapest to Košice you can either travel by coach bus (FlixBus), shuttle bus (e.g. Cassovia Express, Cassovia Transfer, IZIJet) or by train (from Budapest Keleti Train Station to Košice Train Station). The journey takes approximately 3 hours.

**Train**

Being one of the main transit hubs in Slovakia, there is a good train network in Košice with conections to most cities in the surrounding countries. All trains coming to Košice stop at the Košice Train Station. Tickets can be bought online:
**www.zssk.sk/en/**

**Bus**

There are several bus companies covering intercity transport (e.g. Eurobus, FlixBus).

Train and bus schedules are available here:
**www.cp.sk/en/**

**Zero-Fare Train Travel for Students**
If you are a student (i.e. ISIC holder) and less then 26 years of age, you are entitled to free-of-charge train travel in trains operated by Railway Company Slovakia. PhD students are not entitled to the discount regardless of age.
More information is available here: **www.zssk.sk/en/zero-fare/**

Other train companies may also offer discounted prices to students.

**Transport in Košice**
Košice is covered with a vast network of bus and tram public transport. First and second cycle students (i.e. ISIC holders) who are less then 26 years of age are entitled to discounted prices for tickets. PhD students are not entitled to the discount regardless of age.

Validity of tickets is bound by a certain time duration, during which they can be used for several vehicles. Tickets can be bought at some newspaper stands, supermarkets, ticket machines, or via phone apps (e.g. Ubian).

The prices are available here: **www.dpmk.sk/cestovanie/fares-excerpt-foreign-visitors.**

**Taxi**
There are several taxi companies operating in Košice (e.g. EasyTaxi, Student Taxi, My Taxi). Another option for quick transport are phone apps Bolt and Hopin.

**Other options**
- Bike-sharing: **www.verejnybicykel.sk/en/**
- Motorbike-sharing: **www.verejnyskuter.sk/en/**
- Scooter-sharing: **www.tier.app/en/**; **www.antiksmartway.sk/en/scooter-sharing**; **www.bolt.eu/en-sk/scooters/**

Please, note that to ride a motorbike you must be at least 18 years of age and a holder of AM driving licence.

**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 resulting in warm summer and cold humid winters.
The weather differs from the mountainous northern regions (lower temperatures) to the plains in the south (higher temperatures).

The coldest month in Košice is January and the hottest month is July. In summer the temperatures can reach over 30°C on some days and drop below 15°C on other days; in winter, the temperatures are usually 0°C or slightly higher but can also drop below -10°C.

| °C | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Avg. High | 1 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 26 | 21 | 14 | 8 | 2 |
| Avg. Low | -5 | -3 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 2 | -3 |

**Mobile Network Operators:**
Orange Slovensko
Slovak Telekom
O2 Slovakia
4ka (SWAN)

**Virtual Operators:**
FunFón (Orange Slovensko)
Juro (Slovak Telecom)
Tesco mobile (Tesco / O2 Slovakia)

# SURVIVAL VOCABULARY

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|---|---|
| Hello | Ahoj (informal) / Dobrý deň (formal) |
| Goodbye | Dovidenia |
| Good evening | Dobrý večer |
| Good night | Dobrú noc |
| Thank you | Ďakujem |
| Please | Prosím |
| Here you are | Nech sa páči/Prosím |
| Sorry/Excuse me | Prepáč (informal) / Prepáčte (formal) |
| How are you? | Ako sa máš? (informal) / Ako sa máte? (formal) |
| 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 |

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|---|---|
| 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 |

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| Trolley | Trolejbus |
| Car | Auto |
| Taxi | Taxi |
| 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) |
| Coffee | Káva |
| Tea | Čaj |
| Milk | Mlieko |
| Meal | Jedlo |
| Main meal | Hlavné jedlo |

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| **Appetizer** | **Predjedlo** |
| **Breakfast** | **Raňajky** |
| **Lunch** | **Obed** |
| **Dinner** | **Večera** |
| **Pie** | **Koláč** |
| **Cake** | **Torta** |
| **Grocery store** | **Potraviny** |
| **Open** | **Otvorené** |
| **Closed** | **Zatvorené** |
| **Pause/Break** | **Prestávka** |
| **Ice Hockey World Championship** | **Majstrovstvá sveta v (ľadovom) hokeji**<br>**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**
**www.e-slovak.sk**
**www.memrise.com/courses/english/slovak/**
**www.ucimesaslovencinu.sk**

## EMERGENCY

**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.)

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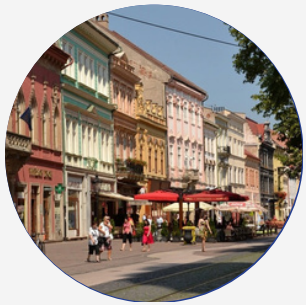
| **Universal Emergency Number** | **112** |
| **Fire and Rescue Service** | **150** |
| **Medical Emergency Service** | **155** |
| **Police** | **158** |

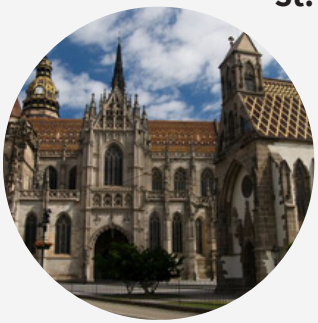
# 5. DISCOVER KOŠICE

## HISTORICAL CITY CENTRE



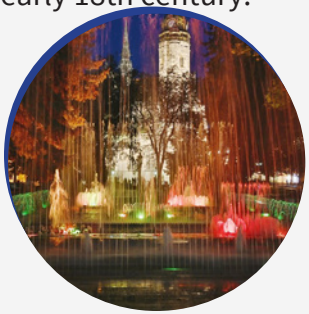
**Main Street (“Hlavná ulica”)**

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.

**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.

## KOŠICE ZOO AND SUMMER TOBOGGAN RIDE

Košice Zoo is the largest zoological garden in Central Europe. It is home to more than 240 different animal species, the biggest aviary in Slovakia, and the largest brown bear enclosure in Central Europe. Part of the Zoo is a Dinopark. Close-by, visitors can enjoy a summer toboggan ride.

The Zoo is easily accessible from the city centre by taking the bus no. 29.

More information: **www.zookosice.sk**

## MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

East Slovak Museum
Mikluš Prison and Rodošto
Technical Museum
Museum of Aviation
Underground Archaeological Museum
East Slovak Gallery
Vojtech Löffler Museum
Sándor Márai Memorial Exhibition
and more!

## THEATRES

Košice State Theatre
Puppet Theatre
Thália Színház Theatre (Hungarian theatre)
Romathan Theatre (Romani theatre)
Grand Theatre
“Na Peróne” Theatre

## OTHER CULTURAL VENUES AND CINEMAS

Kunsthalle
Kasárne Kulturpark and Steelpark
Tabačka Kulturfabrik
Amfik
SPOTs
Úsmev Cinema
Cinemax
Ster Century Cinema

## SWIMMING POOLS

Rumanová Swimming Pool
Red Star Swimming Pool
City Indoor Pool
Ryba Anička

# EVENTS IN KOŠICE

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| **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 |

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KOŠICE:**
www.kosiceregion.com/en/
www.visitkosice.com/en/
www.kosice.sk/en/