

Visit Košice



Experience the atmosphere of a lively metropolis in Košice, the second-largest city in Slovakia. Its rich cultural scene, accompanied by dozens of attractive events, galleries, museums, and historical landmarks, will make your visit unforgettable. Košice is a city famous also for the largest cathedral in the country with its impressive architectural style and sacred inner aura, as well as the Košice Peace Marathon, one of the oldest marathons in the world.

Stop by and discover the city's remarkable history and embark upon a journey to understand its unique culture and lively vibe, which make the city easy to fall in love with.

How to get to Košice



By plane

Košice International Airport is situated in the southern part of the city. It offers comfortable means of traveling to up to 300 destinations, one-stop max. The airport is connected to the city center, railway, and bus stations by a **direct public bus line no. 23**, which takes about 15 minutes. **Taxi service** is also possible.



By bus

Get to Košice comfortably by Slovak bus lines—there are several connections between Bratislava and Košice operating daily. Find all of them on www.cp.sk or websites of private providers. **The Košice Bus Station** is located right at the center of the city.



By train

Railway connections from Bratislava, Prague, Budapest, or Vienna will bring you directly to the center of Košice. Enjoy a comfortable ride from Prague (8 hours) or Bratislava (5 hours) by train. You may also appreciate the night rides in sleeper trains or motorail trains. Travel to Budapest twice daily (3,5 hours), and enjoy a short walk from the **Košice Railway Station** to downtown within 5 minutes.



By car

There are **two possible roads to reach Košice by car**—the northern line through Žilina and Poprad, offering gorgeous views of the Low and High Tatras, which has its own unique charm. The southern one will take you on a journey around the cities such as Zvolen, Rimavská Sobota, and Rožňava. Parking options in Košice are pretty carefree and free also on weekends. Purchase your parking tickets in vending machines.

Transport in the city

If you are coming to Košice to see its rich history, culture, or gastronomy, you actually do not need any means of transport. Košice is the largest historical preservation. Therefore, all of its amazing landmarks, theaters, restaurants, and popular cafés can be reached easily by foot.

In case you'd like to explore some of the city's green parks or other areas, check out your **rental transport** options, such as electric scooters and bicycles. When visiting more remote venues such as Hradová the Observation Tower or nearby summer areas for swimming, we suggest **tram or local bus** lines. You can get a ticket conveniently at ticket machines located at public transport stops.



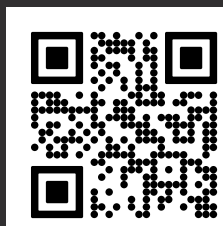
Accommodation

Košice offers plentiful options to stay, including international hotel brands, boutique hotels in historical buildings, hostels, or charming studios. See your options at www.visitkosice.org for detailed information on where to find your best fit.



Get ready for your next adventure

Check out all the necessary information and local tips on how to uncover the hidden and apparent beauty of Košice at www.visitkosice.org. When coming to town, stop by our Visit Košice Infopoint, Hlavná 59, where you can take print maps and other brochures, which will make your visit genuinely efficient and worth remembering.



Scan this QR code and discover practical information about the city.

Where for the greatest gastronomy

There is only one dilemma when thinking about Košice—and so, where to eat...Today! As in the past, you may enjoy world cuisines meeting here in this multi-culturally-oriented city, offering Jewish, Vietnamese, Mexican, or Mediterranean dishes. Just roam around the center and its hidden alleys to restaurants and bistros and embrace the unknown gastronomic possibilities waiting for you behind every corner.



Taste local specialties

If you're a gastronomy enthusiast, don't miss the chance to try a **legendary hot dog** served by the friendly staff in front of Úsmev the Cinema. Enhance your experience with **local lemonades, ciders, or craft beer**—perfect for a true taste of Košice.



Day 1



St Elisabeth's Cathedral

Suppose you wish to experience the unique character of Košice. In that case, you should definitely start your traveling journey on Hlavná (Main) St. Stop by **Visit Košice Infopoint on Hlavná 59—your entrance gate for discovering the city**, where you can obtain free brochures, maps, and, most importantly, tips on the best leisure time approved by locals as well as booking your very own sightseeing tour with one of our tour guides.

Start with Hlavná St, the longest pedestrian zone, which is the largest historical preservation in Slovakia. Admire colorful buildings and their distinctive architecture, serving as a legacy of the city's rich cultural background. While calmly embracing your walks on foot, pay attention to details of **the St Elisabeth's Cathedral** and the nearby **Crafts Alley** (Hrnčiarska St), **two preserved synagogues**, or a plethora of vibing courtyards full of opportunities for great coffee, meals, or live music.

Spend your first evening in the remarkable cultural center **Tabačka Kulturfabrik**, taking its name from the former tobacco factory located here in the past. You'll definitely encounter an interesting concert, party, or alternative theater performance when visiting. Opt for the arthouse **Úsmev the Cinema** in one of the oldest cinemas in the city, dating its beginning screenings in 1922 and offering cinematography till this very day. The cinema also works as a bar with its outdoor terrace—this is one of the most popular places in Košice, so make sure not to miss stopping by!

For those adoring lively and passionate music to dance to, do not forget to order a drink at this vibrant Cuban-inspired bar at Alžbetina St. It brings authentic Cuban atmosphere and exotic heat of Havana right into the center of Košice. Enjoy a variety of tasty meals, drinks & cocktails, genuine Cuban rum selection, cigars, or habanos. Make sure you come for regular fiestas enhanced by live music bands or dance performances.

Day 2



Dominican Square

Morning in the city

Start your day with a slow breakfast at **the Dominican Square** and explore the breakfast or brunch menu options at one of the local venues. Sip on your favorite morning booster drink and croissants while observing the colors of the local market with its local vendors of flowers, vegetables, or homemade pasta. The oldest church in the city, **the Dominican Church**, only adds to the almost-like coastal atmosphere of Košice, as well as the loud dialogues of the local passersby. Combine your breakfast experience with the visit of **the Archaeological Museum—Lower Gate** close by.



East Slovak Gallery

Afternoon and dinner time

Enjoy your afternoon in one of the most impressive galleries in Slovakia, located only a minute from St Elisabeth's Cathedral. **The East Slovak Gallery** regularly exhibits new and well-known artists and their works from the older to contemporary periods. Today, you may also spend some time in the recently-opened library with specialized literature and pop-up shop, as well as the inner courtyard where you may relax and savor your coffee. Close up your artsy day in the attractive **Kunsthalle/Hall of Art** and explore the artworks by local and foreign contemporary artists.



Kunsthalle/Hall of Art



Barracks/Kulturpark

Check out **the Barracks/Kulturpark** complex during the late afternoon. The area of the former military barracks underwent a massive reconstruction during the European Capital of Culture 2013 when Košice and Marseille held the prestigious title. Nowadays, you may enjoy its renovated premises with a beautiful park with café to taste local specialties. Stop by the Barracks/Kulturpark any time of the year, but primarily during warm months, to attend various cultural events—concerts, exhibitions, stand-ups, and many more.

Day 3



East Slovak Museum

Spend your last day discovering the unknown! One of the great options for you is to visit **the East Slovak Museum**, which hosts one of many historical gems of the city—**Košice Golden Treasure**. Unearth the treasure chest of 2920 coins, three golden medals, and a Renaissance chain. Find the three-meter-tall statue of the Marathonian in front of the museum, forever frozen in his finishing posture, which reminds locals and visitors of the annual sports events, **Košice Peace Marathon**, the oldest marathon in Europe and the third oldest marathon in the world.

Coming to the end of your fantastic trip, dive into the secrets of the plant world in **the botanical garden**, which hosts 4000 botanical species in a 40-hectare area. The garden also offers an epic greenhouse, reminiscent of the Crystal Palace in London, a minizoo fed by visitors, or many small ponds, blooming with water-lilies in summer. Pack a blanket, refreshments, and enjoy an easy afternoon picnic!

We want to take part in your adventures

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at [@visitkosice](#). We bring tips and information on traveling in Košice regularly, so stay tuned for the upcoming events happening in the city!

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