



UNIVERSITY OF SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS IN THESALONICA

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

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UNIVERSITY

The University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius (UCM) located in Trnava is dedicated to advancing education, science, and culture, grounded in the legacy of Ss. Cyril and Methodius and the values of democracy, humanism, and national identity. Its mission is to cultivate knowledgeable and responsible citizens while contributing to the scientific, cultural, and economic development of Slovakia particularly the Trnava region. Established in 1997 to evolve needs of study.

Reasons to study in Trnava

- 1 SAFETY**
One of the safest cities in Slovakia
- 2 LOCATION**
Excellent transport accessibility
- 3 STUDENT CITY**
Active student community



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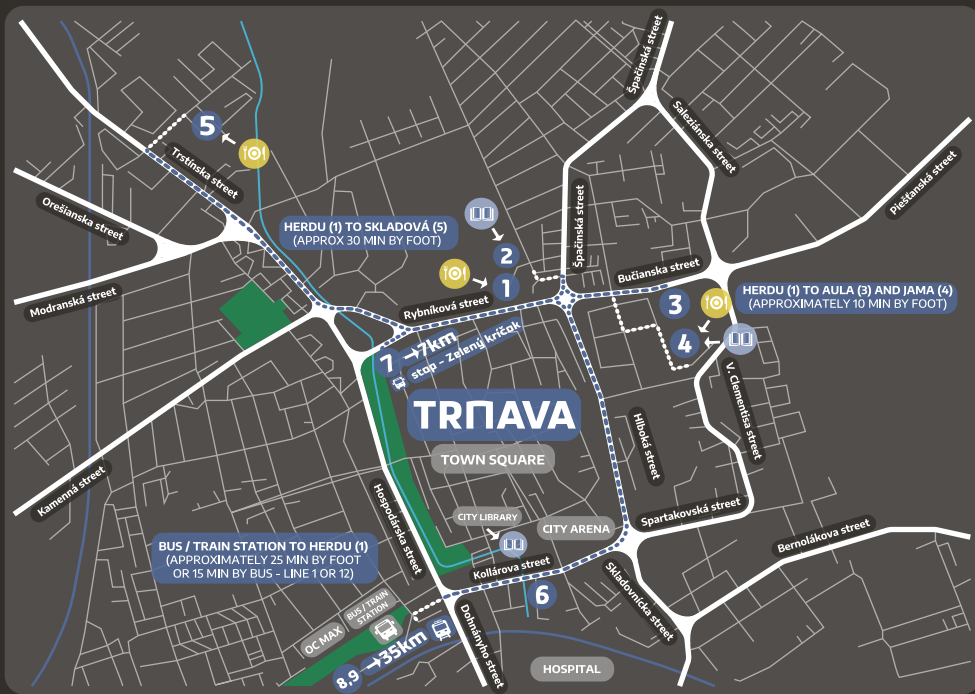
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FIND US HERE

Trnava

- 1 UH1 - Námestie J. Herdu**
Námestie Jozefa Herdu 577/2
- 2 UH2 - Námestie J. Herdu**
Námestie Jozefa Herdu 577/2
- 3 UB - Bučianska**
Bučianska 4/A
- 4 UJ - V Jame**
V Jame 3
- 5 US - Skladová**
Skladová ulica
- 6 UK - Kollárová**
Kollárova 560

Špačince

Located 10 minutes from Trnava by using Bus - from the bus stop "Zelený kričok"

- 7 UŠ - Špačince**
Hlavná 418

Piešťany

- 8 UR - Rázusova**
Rázusova 14
- 9 UP - Námestie SNP**
Námestie SNP

BEFORE ARRIVAL

Necessary documents

Before arriving in Slovakia, you must prepare several documents. EU students need a valid ID card or passport, while non-EU students require a valid passport. Required documents include a Learning Agreement (for Erasmus students) and health insurance – EHIC for EU students, and commercial insurance for non-EU students.

All international students need a residence certificate, which involves submitting an application for residence at the Foreign Police. The dormitory usually takes care of the registration, and students in private housing must register themselves. Non-EU students must apply for a D visa for stays under 90 days or for temporary official issued at the start or end of the mobility period. The fastest way from Vienna to Trnava is to take a bus to Bratislava (FlixBus, RegioJet, Slovak Lines), then use public transport to reach the Main Station in Bratislava, and catch a train to Trnava.



Find more information about your stay

ISIC CARD

About

The ISIC is an international student ID that provides discounts including meals, transportation, cultural attractions and other services. The card has a chip, you can have an electronic wallet on the chip for transportation. You can only buy free train tickets with a valid Slovak ISIC card.

Get your card

After paying 30 € you will receive an ISIC card with your photo and a renewal stamp. You need to activate the card at the terminal in the main building on Jozefa Herdu Square. ISIC card and coupons can also be used via the mobile app. For example discounts can be applied to travel, food, clothing, sports ...

For more info scan QR code



EXAMS

Grading system

The ECTS was created to make European grading systems easier to compare and more transparent, helping with credit recognition for international students. It divides students into pass and fail groups. Each academic year, students choose required, optional, and elective subjects based on their curriculum. To complete the year, they must pass exams or earn credits in these subjects, reaching at least 60 credits per year (30 per semester). Credits are earned through class work or by passing exams, which may be written, oral or both forms.

Scan the QR code and log in with your personal number and the password you will receive in advance. On the left-hand side select "Signing up for examination date" to see a dated list of exams, including examination room, date, time, and available slots for the exam. Examinations may be repeated twice within the examination period concerned. At the conclusion of each study period, transcripts are issued.



Admission procedure

ACCOMMODATION

UCM DORMITORY

Námestie Jozefa Herdu 577/2

International students can live in the dormitory on Jozefa Herdu Square, which offers a self-service cafeteria, social room, kitchen (open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.), and a local laundry room. Erasmus students can use the laundry room free of charge by picking up keys at the main building's reception and leaving their green accommodation card as a deposit. A 24-hour student zone with a kitchenette is also available on the ground floor.

The main entrance gate of the building remains open until midnight and for late arrivals accessible every hour from 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.



Other accommodation in Trnava

ERASMUS+



Scan QR code to find information about Erasmus+

CONTACTS

International Relations Office

- ✉ omv@ucm.sk
- 📍 Office room No.: 109 a, 1st floor (Nám. J. Herdu 2)
- 🕒 Tue., Thu. (8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Officer for incoming students

- ✉ erasmus@ucm.sk
- ☎ 033 5565 143 (+421 335 565 143)
- 📍 Office room No.: 109 a, 1st floor (Nám. J. Herdu 2)

Scan the QR code for more useful contacts and addresses



ESN TRNAVA

About us

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is a non-profit international organisation. Our mission is to represent international students. This provides opportunities for cultural understanding and personal self-development under the principle of students helping students. Every year, 10 ESN sections from Bratislava to Košice take care of almost 2,000 Erasmus students. ESN members organize trips, cultural and social activities, events and other

Contact details

✉ trnava.president@esn.sk



Follow our instagram for the latest news

BUDDY

Their mission

The aim of the BUDDY programme is to help international students feel at ease at the University and to make it easier for them to access important information and services.

Who's your Buddy

A "Buddy" is a local student who volunteers to support an international student during their stay - acting as a guide, helper, and friend. Each year, over 50 Erasmus students are matched with buddies, who assist them with adapting, completing formalities, navigating the university and faculty, and getting to know the city, student life, and Slovak culture. The student programme is managed by ESN Trnava in cooperation with the faculty and plays an important role in connecting local and international students at the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava. UCM is building its buddy system based on cooperation with ESN Trnava, and every international student can be sure that they will be assigned a buddy.

CAŇTEEN

1 ПÁМESTIE JOZEFA HERDU 577/2

- Use your Slovak ISIC card to purchase discounted tickets directly at the canteen
- Ticket costs around 5 € (price may change)
- Canteen offers 2 soups and 5 main dishes
- Open Mon – Fri | 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2 V JAME 3

- You can buy meal tickets in this canteen
- Also works as a buffet with snacks
- Open Mon – Fri | 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

3 SKLADOVÁ 4

- Lunch and buffet open during school classes
- Open Mon – Fri | 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



GROCERY

- 1 KAUFΛΑΠΔ**
Vladimíra Clementisa 7281
- 2 TESCO**
Veterná 40
- 3 COOP JEDΠΟΤΑ***
Námestie Jozefa Herdu 8203
- 4 LIDL**
Vladimíra Clementisa 7576
- 5 BILLA**
City Aréna, Kollárova 20

*The selected shop is closed on sundays



BARS & CAFÉS

- 1 CERVEZA SPORTS BAR**
Wine & Beer & Drinks
- 2 ΖΕΛΕΠΎ ΚΡΙΨΕΚ**
Wine & Beer & Drinks
- 3 RASPBERRY CAFÉ & DRINKS**
Coffee & Tea & Wine & Beer
- 4 ΠΟΧ CAFFE & LOUNGE BAR**
Coffee & Tea & Wine & Beer
- 5 ČAJKA**
Wine & Beer

Clubs and Bars in Bratislava





1 **ΣΥΠΑΓÓΓΑ CAFÉ**
Coffee & Tea & Breakfast & Brunch

2 **ΒΕΖΚΥΔΟΒ**
Coffee & Tea & Breakfast & Brunch

3 **ΒΆΒΟΝΚΑ**
Dessert & Coffee & Tea

4 **ΤΗΑΛΜΕΙΠΕΡ**
Coffee & Tea & Breakfast

5 **ΛΕΗΆΡΟ**
Dessert & Coffee & Tea



RESTAURANTS

- 1 ΑΚΑΔΕΜΙΑ**
The price of meals is around 15 – 20 €
- 2 ΒΥΟΠΓΙΟΡΠΟ PIZZERIA**
A small pizza costs around 10 € and a large one around 17 €
- 3 ΕΠΑΚ BISTRO & RESTAURANT**
Enjoy tasting East Asian food at ENAK bistro for about 18 €
- 4 FORHAUS**
Daily menu costs around 15 €
- 5 FORKY'S**
Vegan restaurant where you can eat for less than 15 €

*Prices may change over time

OUR CUISINE

Salty dishes

Slovak cuisine mainly includes dishes made from pork, lamb, flour, potatoes, cabbage and dairy products. One of Slovakia's national dishes is gnocchi with sheep cheese (bryndzové halušky), which are made with bryndza, smoked bacon, flour and potatoes.



Another representative of Slovak cuisine is called pirohy (dumplings), a floury dish made from dough, with a filling usually made of jam, cottage cheese, quark, ground meat, potatoes with bryndza or edible mushrooms. They are often boiled or fried and served with sour cream or melted butter.

Soups

The most traditional soup in Slovakia is a cabbage soup (kapustnica) - smoked meat, sour cabbage, dried forest mushrooms, prunes, sausage, a little flour and sour cream. A well-known Slovak soup is also goulash, which consists of onions, meat, ground pepper, potatoes and marjoram season.



Sweet dishes

Sweet snacks in Slovakia include traditional strudels, sourdough cakes and buns. Poppy seeds, nuts and cottage cheese are frequently used for baking. Typical desserts are nut, apple, poppy seed strudels and steamed buns.

TRANSPORT

Electric scooters

You can use scooters to move around the city. After downloading the Bolt or Tier app, search for a scooter, scan the QR code and you are ready to ride. After the ride is over, the fee will be deducted from your bank account.



Bike service

The Arboriabike service in the city offers reliable shared bike transportation. Download the Freebike 2.0 app, pay the seasonal fee, and sign a contract at the city office. Office hours are on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday until 5:00 p.m. and on Friday until 2:00 p.m. Once done, pick a shared bike in the city or via the app and enjoy your ride. The bikes are eco-friendly and well-maintained. Arboriabike is popular, with helmets recommended and many bike racks available throughout the city.

BUS

Municipal public transport in Trnava offers up to 8 lines that run from 4:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. A bus ride currently costs a student 65 cents. If the student charges the ISIC card directly with the driver of the given route, the fare is reduced to 45 cents.



Tickets can be purchased directly from the bus driver or via mobile apps for added convenience. Buses in Trnava are punctual and reliable. Check your transport connection on website imhd.sk, which will list individual connection options after simply entering the boarding and exit station. It is very helpful and easy to use. The site also provides real-time schedules, route maps, and fare information, making trip planning even easier. You can also save favorite routes for quick access.

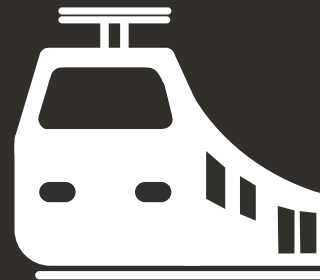


You can find nearby bus and train connections at cp.sk

TRAIN

The national railway carrier in Slovakia is ZSSK. Train connections are available on the website zssk.en or in the mobile application "Ideme vlakom".

Students studying in Slovakia are entitled to free train transport. You need a Slovak ISIC activated by the school and a completed registration form, which you take to the train station. Subsequently, the student is not charged a fee when buying a ticket for the given connection. However, we recommend buying train tickets in advance due to the limited number of free tickets. In case the free tickets are no longer available, you will need to pay the full ticket price, where you can apply a student discount.



Registration formular for free train transport in Slovakia

TAXI

A fast and comfortable transfer around Trnava and the surrounding area is guaranteed by proven taxi services, which are available for you 24/7.

You can order a taxi directly by phone or through various applications such as Bolt, Hopin or Tygo.



Telephone numbers for taxis in Trnava:

TT Taxi: +421 904 959 595
Team Taxi: +421 940 747 474
Euro Taxi: +421 915 655 882

Profi Taxi: +421 33 16 444
Color Taxi: +421 948 252 525
Yellow Taxi: +421 33 303 03 03

CULTURE

Theaters in Trnava (performances in Slovak language)

DIVADLO JÁPA PALÁRIKA

Trojičné námestie 2

DIVADLO DISK

Rudolfa Dilonga

DOM KULTÚRY

Trojičné námestie 140

AMFITEÁTER (SUMMER)

Halenárska 20

ΜΑΛÝ BERLÍŇ (CONCERTS AND EVENTS FOR STUDENTS)

Štefánikova 94/4



Cinemas in Trnava

ΚΙΝΗΜΑΧ ΤΡΝΑΒΑ

Kollárova 20 - City Arena

Ferka Urbánka 11 - Max

ΚΙΠΟ ΗΥΙΕΖΔΑ

Paulínska 1



Cinema program

SPORT

Where to play sport in Trnava

ATHLETIC STADIUM SLÁVIA

Rybníková

TENNIS CLUB EMPIRE

Jána Hajdóczyho 11

SWIMMING POOL

Rovná 7052/9 or Jána Bottu 25 (MTF STU)

GOLF TRNAVA

Kamenný mlyn 11

VOLEYBALL

Rybníková 576/15

GYM (ETC. 365 GYM, FIT UP)

Check the address on internet

Where you can watch sport events

HOCKEY STADIUM

Spartakovská 7239/1

FOOTBALL STADIUM

Športová

SPORT HALL

Rybníková 576/15



REGION TRNAVA



Trnava city tower

The main landmark of Trnava is the Town Tower. This historic building is located right on the square and reaches a height of almost 60 meters. At a height of 29 meters, there is also a viewing platform from which, after climbing a total of 143 steps, you can enjoy a panoramic view of a Trnava and its wide surroundings. You can also visit St. Nicholas Basilica, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, St. Helen's Church, or Trnava Town Hall and more.

Town fortification

The city walls in Trnava are unique and also the oldest system of walls in Slovakia. They were built around today's Trinity Square during the 13th century and served as a very important defense system of the city during the Middle Ages. A relatively large part of them has been preserved until today.



Smolenice Castle

Smolenice Castle is considered one of the most beautiful castles in Slovakia and it is located in the village of Smolenice, near Trnava. It is surrounded by extensive parks and beautiful interiors. Various cultural events, including exhibitions and concerts, are regularly organized on its grounds.

Looking for more trips in Trnava region?

If you are interested in getting to know more places near Trnava, the website regiontrnava.sk is here for you. The website offers an overview of tourist attractions, monuments or natural attractions found in the Trnava region. In addition, it also offers local guided tours.



regiontrnava.sk/en

NEARBY CITIES

1 MODRA  25 min.  40 min.  45 min.

Modra is a charming town in western Slovakia at the foot of the Little Carpathians. Known as the final home of Ľudovít Štúr, a key figure in Slovak history, it is also famous for its wine tradition, colorful majolica pottery, and scenic historic center.

2 PEZINOK  35 min.  60 min.  25 min.

Pezinok, about 20 km from Bratislava, is a key town on the Small Carpathian Wine Route. It's known for its wine tradition, historic center, Pezinok Castle, and the Small Carpathian Museum. Each September, it hosts the Grape Harvest Festival.

3 PIEŠŤANY  35 min.  60 min.  25 min.

Piešťany is Slovakia's top Spa Town, famous for its healing thermal springs and rheumatic treatments. The spa island has parks and historic buildings like the Spa Colonnade, making it a popular wellness destination.

4 ŠAĽA 35 min. 1:15 h. 50 min.

Šaľa is home to a Renaissance château, originally a water fortress, now serving as the district archive. In the town center, visitors can explore Holy Trinity Square, featuring a Baroque sculpture of the Trinity and the Church of St. Margita.

5 NITRA 40 min. 1:10 h. 50 min.

Nitra is one of the oldest cities in Slovakia, known for its early Slavic history and role in Great Moravia. Its main landmark is Nitra Castle, overlooking the old town. Today, it's a cultural and educational center with lively events and historic charm.

6 ТОПОЉЧАНЫ 1:10 h. 1:10 h.

Topoľčany is a small town in western Slovakia near the Tribeč Mountains. It offers a peaceful atmosphere, a historic center, and nearby Topoľčany Castle ruins with scenic views. The area is also popular for hiking and nature.

7 ТРЕНČÍN 60 min. 45 min.

Trenčín is a historic city in western Slovakia, known for its large medieval castle overlooking the Váh River, but also a vibrant cultural hub that comes alive every summer thanks to two of Slovakia's biggest music festivals – Pohoda and Grape.

NEAR CAPITALS

Bratislava 🚗 40 min. 🚌 50 min. 🚆 31 min.

Bratislava is the capital of Slovakia. It is located on the west bank of the Danube. The journey from Trnava to Bratislava takes 30 to 45 minutes. It features a number of beautiful monuments, such as Bratislava Castle, Slavín, SNP Bridge or the National Theatre.



Vienna 🚗 1:30 h. 🚌 2-3 h. 🚆 2:10 h.

One of the most beautiful cities in Europe is Vienna, the capital of Austria. It offers many cultural and historical experiences, such as St. Stephen's Cathedral, Hofburg Imperial Palace, Prater and Donauturm tower. You can get to Vienna in about 2 hours.

Budapest 🚗 2:30 h. 🚌 4:30 h. 🚆 3:30 h.

Budapest is the capital of Hungary and the largest spa city in the world. You can get from Trnava to Budapest in 2.5 to 4 hours. In Budapest, you can see, for example, the Buda Castle, the Fisherman's Bastion, but also the Parliament.



Prague 🚗 4 h. 🚌 2-3 h. 🚆 7 h.

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic with a rich history. The journey to Prague takes 4 to 5 hours. Here you will find many cultural and historical monuments, such as Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, Old Town Square, but also museums and galleries.

HOLIDAYS

IN SLOVAKIA

During national holidays, all shops (food, clothing, pharmacy and others) are closed and only some restaurants are open. However, it is necessary to inquire at shops whether they will operate during the holidays. Buses and trains do not run on national holidays and may operate on a limited schedule. However, this information must be checked on the carriers' websites. Public services such as the post office, administrative offices, and schools are also closed on these days. Parties, gas stations, shops at the airport, selected pharmacies and various shops offering souvenirs and gifts are some exceptions.



1 Jan

Republic Day

6 Jan

Epiphany

Good Friday

Both change every year

Easter Monday

1 May

Labour Day

8 May

Liberation Day

5 Jul

St Cyril and St Methodius Day

29 Aug

Slovak Uprising Day

15 Sep

Lady Sorrows' Day

24 Dec

Christmas Eve

25 Dec

Christmas Day

26 Dec

2nd Day of Christmas

ENGLISH

Hello

Good morning

Good evening

My name is...

How are you?

Goodbye

Sorry

Thank you

Please

Yes/Áno

Yesterday

Today

Tomorrow

Where can I find...?

TRANSLATES AS

SLOVAK

Dobrý deň

Dobré ráno

Dobrý večer

Volám sa...

Ako sa máš?

Dovidenia

Prepáčte

Ďakujem

Prosím

Áno/Áno

Včera

Dnes

Zajtra

Kde môžem nájsť...?

1 One
Jeden**2** Two
Dva**3** Three
Tri**4** Four
Štyri**5** Five
Päť**6** Six
Šesť**7** Seven
Sedem**8** Eight
Osem**9** Nine
Deväť**10** Ten
Desať

FAQ



More Questions?

1

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I NEED PER MONTH?

300 € should be enough for shopping if you cook at home. For trips abroad, budget an extra 300–500 € depending on your stay.

2

IS ENGLISH WIDELY SPOKEN?

The younger generation knows English, but many local people don't. It's a good idea to learn some basic phrases before you arrive.

3

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT SLOVAK CULTURE AND ETIQUETTE?

Slovaks value politeness, punctuality, and modesty. Greeting people with a handshake and saying "Dobrý deň" (Good day) is appreciated. Don't expect loud or overly expressive behavior.

4

IS HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBLE FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS?

Yes. EU students can use their EHIC card for public healthcare. Non-EU students must have private insurance. Emergency services are reliable and available 24/7.

5

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING TO DO WHEN YOU COME TO TRPAVA?

When you electronically paid the dormitory fee of 500 € go to center and open phone number.

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