

## Welcome Guide

Information for Exchange Students  
2019/2020



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This guide provides exchange students the most important information they may need to plan their mobility at Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra.

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## Brief facts about Slovak Republic

Historical events in Slovakia were determined by its geographical location - geographically, the country is situated in the very heart of Europe. The territory of Slovakia was a place where cultural influences from the East and the West mixed. This was reflected in the ethnical structure of population. Central Europe was penetrated by nomadic Kimers, Skyts, Daks, Huns, Avars and Old Hungarians from the east and south-east. From the west, Celts, Germans and Romans made a major impact on the population. The Slavs made their way to Slovakia in the 5th - 7th century A. D. This period also delimits the existence of the first Slavic state, the Great-Moravian Empire - the territory of Slovakia being its part. The Great-Moravian Empire ceased to exist in 906. The territory of Slovakia was invaded by Old Hungarians. In 1467, Matej Corvin established "Academia Istropolitana", the first Bratislava University. After an enormous Turkish offensive in 1526, the Hungarian army was defeated. This meant the end of the Czech-Hungarian union and Hungary together with Slovakia became part of the mighty Habsburg Empire for more than four centuries.

The second half of the eighteenth century was influenced by the Age of Reason. Towards the end of the eighteenth century, the process of formation of the modern Slovak nation started. The result of this process was the codification of the Slovak language in 1843. World War I caused the split of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the establishment of a new state, the Czecho-Slovak Republic. The Munich Dictate in 1938 resulted in the split of the Czecho-Slovak Republic. After World War II, the Czecho-Slovak Republic was re-established. In 1948, after the communist coup, a totalitarian communist regime was imposed on the country. The situation changed in 1989 thanks to the "Velvet Revolution". On January 1, 1993 the Slovak Republic was declared an independent state established by splitting the former Czecho-Slovak Republic into two independent sovereign states - the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic. The Slovak Republic was established in a democratic and constitutional manner. In January 1993 the Slovak Republic joined the United Nations as a full-fledged member. In October 1993 the European Parliament ratified the Association Agreement between the Slovak Republic and the European Union and in May 2004 Slovakia became the member of EU.

The Slovak Republic is a country located in Central Europe. It borders with the Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Hungary and Austria. Its area is 49 036 km<sup>2</sup>. It is a hilly country, especially in the north and in the centre. The highest mountain range is the High Tatras (the Gerlach peak is 2 655 metres above the sea level). The Danube and the East-Slovakian lowlands are typical for intensive agriculture. The most important river is the Danube. It represents a significant waterway connecting Slovakia with ports in the Black Sea and, via the Rhine-Mohan-Danube canal, with the seaports in Western Europe. The population is about 5,4 million. The density of population is 109 people/km<sup>2</sup>. 85,8% of the population are Slovak nationality, 9,7% are Hungarian, the rest are Czech, Ruthenian, Ukraine, German and Roma minorities. Slovakia is a parliamentary democracy with a single chamber parliament of 150 members. The head of the state is the President. The official state language is Slovak. Bratislava (431 061 (to 2009) inhabitants) is the capital of Slovakia. It is also the seat of the President, the Parliament and the Government. Other big cities are: Košice, Prešov, Nitra, Žilina, Banska Bystrica, Trnava.

## Nitra town & How to get there

From a historical perspective, Nitra is considered to be the mother of all Slovak towns, a centre of education and culture. Nitra is one of the oldest settlements in Slovakia. From the 9th century it was the seat of the Princes of Nitra and the sovereigns of the Great-Moravian Duchy and later successors to the Hungarian throne. In 830, the first historically documented Catholic church in Slovakia was built and in 880 a bishopric was founded in Nitra. In 863 St. Cyril and St. Methodius, the Thessalonian brothers, came as missionaries and laid the foundations of Slavic literacy, education and culture. In the 11th century, Nitra gained new significance, being a seat of the Bishop of Nitra and becoming an administrative centre of the Hungarian comitatus (county district).



The Nitra of today is a significant centre of education, science, research and culture. It is a real academic town with two universities: Constantine the Philosopher University (UKF) and Slovak Agricultural University (SPU), with more than 25,000 students. Nitra is situated in the north – eastern part of the Podunajská lowland, at the foot of the Tribeč mountain range. The Zobor hill (588 m) towers over the town and together with six other hills provides a unique panorama overlooking the town. The natural scenery is complemented by the river Nitra, which runs in a wide bow around the castle hill. Nitra is about 100 km far from the capital of Slovakia - Bratislava. It is a beautiful town with historical core (churches, museums, monuments etc.) surrounded by wonderful nature sceneries.

In order to reach Slovak Republic, you can take a plane directly to the M. R. Štefánik Airport in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia ([www.letiskobratislava.sk](http://www.letiskobratislava.sk)). From the airport take a bus to the Main Bus Station in Bratislava and then continue by a coach to Nitra (about 90 km). Many students take the advantage of the Vienna Airport ([www.viennaairport.com](http://www.viennaairport.com)) which is located only 45 km from Bratislava. There is direct bus connection from Vienna airport to the Main Bus Station in the downtown of Bratislava



[http://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival\\_parking/bus\\_connections](http://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival_parking/bus_connections).

The capital of Slovakia Bratislava is connected with the railroad network of all neighbouring countries (Austria, Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Ukraine). After the arrival to the Main Train Station in Bratislava, it is recommended to take a bus from the Main Bus Station in Bratislava, because of its direct connection to Nitra. Information about the train connections can be found at: [www.busy.sk](http://www.busy.sk), [www.slovakrail.sk](http://www.slovakrail.sk). EUROLINE buses arrive at the Main Bus Station (Mlynské Nivy) in Bratislava. Some of the international bus connections continue to other towns in the Slovak Republic including Nitra. You can find more information at: [www.eurolines.sk](http://www.eurolines.sk), [www.busy.sk](http://www.busy.sk)

Public transport is the most typical way of transportation in Nitra. Bus schedules are found at every bus stop, tickets are sold and paid in cash in Taxis are plentiful, their terminals are located throughout the town.

### Welcome to Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra

Over its 60-year-long existence, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra has undergone a number of important changes. In 1959 a Pedagogical Institute was founded in Nitra. Its task was to train teachers for primary and lower secondary schools. Later, it was transformed into Teacher Training College where also teachers for schools with Hungarian language of instruction were educated. From 1976 on, the College grew in its size and number of students. From the academic year 1977/1978 the College began to educate teachers for upper secondary schools - grammar, vocational and technical. In 1992 it was transformed into University of Education with three faculties: Faculty of Education, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Natural Sciences. In 1996 it was given the name Constantine the Philosopher University.



Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra (abbrev. „UKF“) is currently the sixth largest public university in Slovakia formed as a modern European general university offering together in full-time and part-time form teacher study programmes with double-major combination of subjects, single-major teacher study programmes, professional study programmes and scientific doctoral programmes. The uniqueness of UKF in education is represented by teacher training programmes in Hungarian and the training of teachers, social workers and public education for Roma ethnicity. The University also organizes lifelong learning courses (additional study and courses of Interest study at the University of the Third Age). University is having around 7200 students and 900 staff members in total. It prepares young people for a wide range of professions, such as preschool, primary, secondary and university teachers, experts in cultural institutions, political scientists, marketers, managers of tourism, interpreters, translators, catechists, journalists, ethnologists, archaeologists, historians, museologists, physicists, computer scientists, psychologists, gemologists, medical staff, social workers and others.

UKF puts much emphasis on international co-operation in all fields of study and research. Within this area, the emphasis is put on the following activities: research and co-operation, research mobility, projects and conferences, student and staff exchanges, practical training and hosting foreign students and teachers. These activities have been carried out through international projects, such as LLP (Erasmus, Grundtvig, Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci), Tempus, Erasmus Mundus, CEEPUS, current ERASMUS+ programme, bilateral and intergovernmental agreements and through the co-operation with such international

institutions as British Council, Goethe Institute, French Institute, Fulbright Commission, DAAD, etc. The ambition of UKF is to make the study courses more flexible and challenging for its students and to respond to the vital needs of society, while providing the applicants with different ways and forms of undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate and life-long study. This degree system was introduced in 2005 based on Bologna system offering Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral (Ph.D.) study programmes.

Why to choose our university for study?

- ✓ implemented ECTS credit system in all 3 levels of study
- ✓ interfaculty study fields and options to combine courses across faculties
- ✓ around 570 single courses in foreign language
- ✓ orientation on minorities studies and education, further education
- ✓ skilled teaching staff
- ✓ free of charge Slovak Language Course
- ✓ free of charge study in Slovak Language (full-time study of standard duration)
- ✓ national or university scholarships for degree students
- ✓ study abroad possibilities also for international degree students
- ✓ developed ICT (free internet)
- ✓ assistance also from Buddy students (ESN UKF)
- ✓ wide range of leisure time activities (events, trips, clubs..)
- ✓ student discounts.

***UKF consists of 5 faculties:***

- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Central European Studies
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Natural Sciences
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care.

## Faculties and departments

### Faculty of Arts (Filozofická fakulta)

Address:

Štefánikova 67

949 74 Nitra

Slovak Republic

<http://www.ff.ukf.sk>

Faculty Erasmus Coordinator:

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List of Departments and other workplaces:

- Department of Archaeology
- Department of Cultural Studies



- Department of English and American Studies
- Department of Ethnology and Folk Studies
- Department of General and Applied Ethics
- Department of German Studies
- Department of History
- Department of Journalism
- Department of Management of Culture and Tourism
- Department of Mass Media Communication and Advertising
- Department of Museology
- Department of Philosophy
- Department of Politology and Euro-Asian Studies
- Department of Religious Studies
- Department of Romance Languages
- Department of Russian Studies
- Department of Slovak Language and Literature
- Department of Sociology
- Department of Translation Studies
- Institute of Literary and Art Communication
- Institute of Research of Cultural Heritage of St. Constantine and Methodius
- Central European Research Institute of Soren Kierkegaard
- Language Centre
- Interpreting Centre
- Media Centre

### **Faculty of Natural Sciences (Fakulta prírodných vied)**

#### Address:

Trieda Andreja Hlinku 1  
949 74 Nitra  
Slovak Republic  
<http://www.fpv.ukf.sk>



#### Faculty Erasmus Coordinator:

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#### List of Departments:

- Department of Botany and Genetics
- Department of Computer Science
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Ecology and Environmental Studies
- Department of Geography and Regional Development
- Department of Mathematics
- Department of Physics
- Department of Zoology and Anthropology
- Institute of Economy and Management
- Institute of Gemology



## Faculty of Education (Pedagogická fakulta)

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949 01 Nitra  
Slovak Republic  
<http://www.pf.ukf.sk>

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### List of Departments:

- Department of Creative Arts and Art Education
- Department of Language Pedagogy and Intercultural Studies
- Department of Music
- Department of Pedagogy
- Department of Physical Education and Sport
- Department of Pedagogical and Educational Psychology
- Department of Technics and Information Technologies



## Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care (Fakulta sociálnych vied a zdravotníctva)

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### List of Departments:

- Department of Clinical Disciplines and Urgent Medicine
- Department of Nursing
- Department of Psychological Sciences
- Department of Social Work and Social Sciences
- Institute of Applied Psychology
- Institute of Romani Studies



## Faculty of Central European Studies (Fakulta stredoeurópskych štúdií)

### Address:

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949 01 Nitra  
Slovak Republic  
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### List of Departments:

- Department of Tourism
- Institute for Teacher Training
- Institute of Hungarian Linguistics and Literary Science
- Institute of Languages and Cultures of Central Europe



## Academic calendar 2019/2020

Academic Calendar 2019/2020	
Opening Ceremony	September 23, 2019
Teaching Period (semester 1)	September 23, 2019 – December 20, 2019
Exam Period	January 7, 2020 – February 15, 2020
Teaching Period (semester 2)	February 17, 2020 – May 16, 2020
Exam Period	May 18, 2020 – July 11, 2020

Full Academic Calendar is available at: <https://www.ukf.sk/en/organisation-of-study>.

The academic year 2019/2020 officially starts on September 23, 2019. However, you are invited to attend also the **Welcome Week for international exchange students** to be held one week before the start of the semester. If possible, you are asked to arrive during the weekend before the Welcome Week starts. The exact programme of the Welcome Week will be sent by our student voluntary organisation ESN UKF (buddy organisation) to all incoming students after its completion.

## Enrollment procedures

### After Arrival

After your arrival to Nitra, please, visit our International Relations Office (2nd floor, room A-211) of Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, Tr. A. Hlinku 1, 949 74 Nitra concerning further procedures of your enrollment.

Please, provide us:

- ❖ copy of your ID card or passport

- ❖ copy of your European Health Insurance Card (copy both its sides) or commercial medical insurance for the whole period of stay (either established directly in the Slovak Republic after arrival or established in the home country (it must be mentioned that medical insurance is valid also in the Slovak Republic and covers treatment costs))

Within 30 days after getting the residence permit in the Slovak Republic, please provide us also:

- ❖ copy of medical confirmation of the health check-up (only citizens from non-EU countries); original is provided to foreign police department in Nitra
- ❖ copy of the registration for residence permit from the foreign police department in Nitra.

**Notice:** International Relations Office is responsible for managing the stay (paperwork and practical issues) of incoming international students. Study issues are in charge of the respective UKF faculty Erasmus coordinator (see coordinator mentioned above under each UKF faculty).

## ECTS system, courses offer and study

### ❖ STEP 1:

Once you arrive and visit the International Relations Office, visit Study Registration Office at the respective faculty which you will enrol you in study. This office will also establish you UKF student e-mail account in the form [john.smith@ukf.sk](mailto:john.smith@ukf.sk). Once you will be enrolled, you can visit CIKT to obtain your student card (see section „Internet Access and UKF student card in this guide).

### ❖ Step 2:

Your Buddy student will help you to choose from the **courses available in your study field** after arriving here and to enter them into our university database - Academic Information System („AIS“). However, you are free to choose courses of interest also from other fields of study, study years or our faculties provided that these courses are taught in a foreign language (mostly English) and will be agreed by the respective departmental coordinator.

- ECTS course catalogues (courses offered in foreign languages) of all UKF faculties are available at: <https://www.ukf.sk/en/erasmus-2/ects-course-catalogues>.
- To see all courses offered at our university, please, visit our Academic Information System (AIS) on: <https://ais2.ukf.sk/ais/start.do> (only Slovak version available).

### ❖ Step 3:

You are allowed to make changes comparing your originally proposed programme in your Learning Agreement within one month after arriving to UKF. Upon your arrival to our university and discussing your final study or work plan with departmental coordinator, you fill in the Changes (if necessary to be done) and let them sign at the department. **Learning Agreement and its „Changes“ are always signed by departmental and/or faculty Erasmus coordinator of UKF, not by International Relations Office.**

### ❖ Step 4:

Once you know courses you would like to attend and you have discussed them with the departmental coordinator, you register for them via AIS using your access data which you get along with the UKF student card. Your Buddy and departmental coordinator will help you with it. You have to be registered for each course, otherwise you will be rejected by teacher. Then, you print from AIS the table called **„Vykaz o studiu“** (if not stated otherwise by the faculty). Please, keep it with you – each teacher will write there an assessment of your course after you pass it and also to AIS.

❖ **Step 5:**

**Study timetables** will be given to you in the faculty or you can print them from AIS by yourself.

❖ **Step 6:**

Before having an **exam**, you have to register for it via AIS, otherwise you will be rejected to attend it by teacher. Result of exam (course assessment) will be written by teacher into AIS and into your „Vykaz o studiu“.

❖ **Step 7:**

After completing your study, you get the official **Transcript of Records** (in English) in the faculty (visit Study Registration Office or faculty Erasmus coordinator). Transcript of Records is always issued to students before they finish study and leave our university. However, if some of your courses are not assessed yet or not recorded in AIS, you get the Transcript bit later (will be sent to you by mail or e-mail). In case of any questions connected with your study programme or study schedule at UKF, please, refer to the respective faculty Erasmus coordinator (please, see p. 6 - 9 of this Guide for the relevant contact on your faculty coordinator).

**ECTS system:**

Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra uses ECTS and its grading system is as follows:

(Description of the grade/UKF mark/ECTS grade)

- Excellent - 1 (A)
- Very good - 1,5 (B)
- Good - 2 (C)
- Satisfactory - 2,5 (D)
- Sufficient - 3 (E)
- Unsatisfactory / Unsuccessful / Failed - 4 (FX or F)

## **Slovak Language course for international students**

Each semester our university offers free of charge Slovak Language Course as a regular course (course code: JC/SKFOR/15) for incoming exchange students. Course runs during the whole semester (each semester) and is organized by the Language Center of the Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra. Communication language is English. If you are interested in this course, put it into your Learning Agreement (if you haven't done so) and register for this course via AIS upon arrival to UKF. After successful completion of this course you obtain 2 ECTS.

## Leaving procedures

### Before Departure

Before finishing your exchange stay at our university, please, don't forget to visit our International Relations Office again and bring with you:

- Confirmation from our University Library (Drazovská 4, Nitra) that you don't have any borrowed books;
- Confirmation from our dormitory that you have paid all accommodation fee and you don't have any debts there;
- Confirmation from the Foreign Police Department about cancellation of your stay in the Slovak Republic (those students who have asked for residence permit)
- Transcript of Records - will be issued to you and signed by our faculty coordinator after you provide him your „Vykaz o studiu“ filled and signed by teachers. Original of Vykaz o studiu remains at our faculty.

Before leaving our university, you are asked to fill in and send to [kbutorova@ukf.sk](mailto:kbutorova@ukf.sk) the **Erasmus questionnaire**, i.e. Incoming Student Report about your remarks and satisfaction with stay.

After all the above steps are done, our International Relations Office will be able to give you **Certificate of Mobility/scholarship stay** before you will leave home.

### Residence permit

Please, bear in mind that you are obliged to follow the regulations and meet the entry and stay requirements when applying for stay in the Slovak Republic: For stays over 90 days in the territory of the Slovak Republic it is necessary to have a long-stay visa issued by the Slovak embassy prior to leaving your home country (if not stated otherwise by the authorized body of the Slovak Republic, e.g. biometric passports/exemptions in visa obligation).



#### Visa requirements for non-EU citizens:

- » For getting visa citizen has to prove to the Slovak embassy in the home country:
- A valid passport, with at least three months validity after expiration of visa
  - One application form, fully completed and signed (available at Slovak embassy)
  - Colored photograph of face not older than three months (3 x 3,5 cm)
  - Clear trip purpose (e.g. Letter of Acceptance from the receiving university)
  - Confirmation of accommodation in the Slovak Republic (e.g. from the university dormitory). In case you would not apply for the university accommodation and would prefer living somewhere else, you must prove certified lease contract (in the Slovak Language) concluded with a real estate owner or user and extract from the title deed or other document proving the entitlement to use the real estate.
  - Proof of funds at least in amount of the minimum living wages stated by the Slovak Law (205,07 EUR for each month of stay) e.g. by proving the copy of the bank statement or the certificate issued by the home university or agency confirming that student will receive grant for covering his expenses during the stay.
  - Onward/return ticket or confirmed itinerary
  - Documentation of valid international travel and medical insurance (minimum cover of EUR 30,000) must be shown before visa can be issued
  - Fee for issuing visa (according to the valid tariffs)

Slovak embassies decide about issuing visa for entering the Slovak Republic within 30 days after submitting the visa application form to the embassy.

#### Temporary residence permit requirements for non-EU citizens (for stays over 90 days in the territory of the Slovak Republic):

Citizens of other countries (non-EU countries or so called „the third countries“) have to notice their stay in the Slovak Republic within 3 days after arrival at the local Foreign Police Department in Nitra. In case you live in student dormitory or hotel, dormitory/hotel will notice police about your stay. However, if you live somewhere else, you have to visit

Foreign Police Department personally and inform them about your arrival within 3 days after arrival. You have to ask and be awarded residence permit within period of validity of your visa, otherwise you will be asked to leave the country.

» For getting a temporary residence permit citizen has to prove personally to the local foreign police department in Nitra:

- A valid passport, with at least three months validity after expiration of visa.
- One application form for registration as non-EU citizen, fully completed after entering the Slovak Republic, signed in the police local Foreign Police Department in Nitra
- 2 colored photographs of face not older than three months (photo size 3 x 3,5 cm).
- Clear trip purpose (original of the Letter of Acceptance from the receiving university) issued in the Slovak Language or officially translated into Slovak or issued in the Czech Language.
- Confirmation of accommodation in the Slovak Republic from the university dormitory. In case you would not apply for the university accommodation and would prefer living somewhere else, you must prove certified lease contract (in the Slovak Language) concluded with a real estate owner or user and extract from the title deed or other document proving the entitlement to use the real estate.
- Proof of funds at least in amount of the minimum living wages stated by the Slovak Law (210,20 EUR for each month of stay) e.g. by proving the copy of the bank statement or the certificate issued by the home university or agency confirming that student will receive grant for covering his expenses during the stay – issued in the Slovak Language or officially translated into Slovak or issued in the Czech Language. Documentation of medical insurance must be proved within 30 days after getting the residence permit in the Slovak Republic.
- Extract from the Crime Register from the home country not older than 90 days. The third country national shall prove his/her integrity by providing an extract from the Crime Register of the country he/she is a national to and the country where the third country national has resided during last three years for the period longer than 90 days within six consecutive months. If no such extract is issued in the given state, it can be substituted with an equivalent document issued by the competent judicial authority or administrative authority of the country of origin; or it can be substituted with a statutory declaration to be made by the third country national before the competent judicial authority or administrative authority or the notary of the country of origin or last residence. The document on integrity shall prove the integrity in the whole territory of the country issuing the document; otherwise the police department shall not accept such document. This extract must be issued and apostilled by the home country (or superlegalized – depending on the Hague Convention) and only after then officially translated into Slovak Language. (It is necessary to get the apostille/superlegalisation on your Extract of Criminal Record before coming to the Slovak Republic!!!).
- Medical confirmation from the Slovak Republic that citizen does not suffer from contagious disease which spreading is considered as penal offence – this confirmation must not be older than 30 days, must be shown within 30 days after getting the residence permit in the Slovak Republic (will be issued after the health check-up of citizen in the hospital of the Slovak Republic, the health check-up is fully paid by the student and its costs varies between 150,- EUR and 300,- EUR depending on the hospital in Slovakia where the medical inspection is made).

#### Local hospital in Nitra:

Infekčná klinika, Ambulancia pre cudzokrajné choroby Fakultnej nemocnice Nitra (Faculty hospital in Nitra), Špitálska 6, Nitra, tel.: +421 37 6545 955, [cudzokrajna.ambulancia@fnnitra.sk](mailto:cudzokrajna.ambulancia@fnnitra.sk), [www.fnnitra.sk](http://www.fnnitra.sk).

- Revenue stamp („kolok“) in amount 4,50 EUR (administration fee for processing the residence permit) – can be bought cash in the post offices in Nitra: <https://www.posta.sk/en/services/e-revenue-stamp-payment-system>.

#### Non-EU citizen is required to have documentation of medical insurance for the whole period of stay (although it does not have to be proven to police department):

- either established directly in the Slovak Republic after arrival (more expensive, costs approx. 300 EUR/year)
- or established in the home country (it must be mentioned that medical insurance is valid also in the Slovak Republic and covers treatment costs), such document must be officially translated into Slovak Language.

#### » For getting a renewal of temporary residence permit (if you want to prolong your stay in the Slovak Republic) citizen has to prove personally to the local foreign police department in Nitra till the last day of the validation of his current residence permit:

- A valid passport, with at least three months validity after expiration of visa.
- One application form for registration as non-EU citizen, fully completed after entering the Slovak Republic, signed in the police local Foreign Police Department in Nitra
- 1 colored photograph of face not older than three months (photo size 3 x 3,5 cm).
- Clear trip purpose (original of the Letter of Acceptance from the receiving university) issued in the Slovak Language or officially translated into Slovak or issued in the Czech Language.
- Confirmation of accommodation in the Slovak Republic from the university dormitory. In case you would not apply for the university accommodation and would prefer living in flat, you must prove the address of your accommodation while in Slovakia, i.e. by submitting the verified copy of the housing agreement (in the Slovak Language).
- Proof of funds at least in amount of the minimum living wages stated by the Slovak Law (210,20 EUR for each month of stay) e.g. by proving the copy of the bank statement or the certificate issued by the home university or agency confirming that student will receive grant for covering his expenses during the stay – issued in the Slovak Language or officially translated into Slovak or issued in the Czech Language.
- Revenue stamp („kolok“) for renewal of residence permit (according to the valid tariffs) <https://www.posta.sk/en/services/e-revenue-stamp-payment-system>.

#### Non-EU citizen is required to have documentation of medical insurance for the whole period of stay (although it does not have to be proven to police department):

- either established directly in the Slovak Republic after arrival (more expensive, costs approx. 300 EUR/year)
- or established in the home country (it must be mentioned that medical insurance is valid also in the Slovak Republic and covers treatment costs), such document must be officially translated into Slovak Language.

**Permanent residence permit requirements for EU citizens  
(for stays over 90 days in the territory of the Slovak Republic):**

A citizen of the European Union/European Economic Area does not need visa. However, he/she has to notice the stay in the Slovak Republic within 10 days after arrival at the local Foreign Police Department in Nitra. In case you live in student dormitory or hotel, dormitory/hotel will notice police about your stay. However, if you live somewhere else, you have to visit Foreign Police Department personally and inform them about your arrival within 3 days after arrival. Within 119 days after arrival he/she has to ask for residence permit. It doesn't matter whether he/she stays for more than 90 days in Slovakia or in other Shengen country.

» For getting a permanent residence permit citizen has to prove personally to the local police department in Nitra:

- A valid passport or ID card
- One application form for registration as EU citizen, fully completed after entering the Slovak Republic, signed in the police local Foreign Police Department in Nitra
- 2 colored photographs of face not older than three months (photo size 3 x 3,5 cm)
- Clear trip purpose (original of the Letter of Acceptance from the receiving university) issued in the Slovak Language or officialy translated into Slovak or issued in the Czech Language.
- Confirmation of accommodation in the Slovak Republic from the university dormitory. In case you would not apply for the university accommodation and would prefer living in a private flat, you must prove the address of your accommodation while in Slovakia, i.e. by submitting the verified copy of the housing agreement (in the Slovak Language).
- Proof of funds at least in amount of the minimum living wages stated by the Slovak Law (210,20 EUR for each month of stay) e.g. by proving the copy of the bank statement or the certificate issued by the home university or agency confirming that student will receive grant for covering his expenses during the stay – issued in the Slovak Language or officialy translated into Slovak or issued in the Czech Language.
- Revenue stamp („kolok“) in amount 4,50 EUR (administration fee for processing the residence permit) – can be bought cash in the post offices in Nitra: <https://www.posta.sk/en/services/e-revenue-stamp-payment-system>.

**Common provisions for EU and non-EU citizens:**

- Each document proved to the foreign police department must not be older than 90 days. Police department decides about issuing the residence permit for staying in the Slovak Republic within 30 days after submitting the residence permit application form to the local Foreign Police Department in Nitra.
  - The citizen is obliged to provide the applications and documents issued in foreign language which are necessary in proceedings officialy translated into the Slovak Language as an original or a certified copy. Required translations into Slovak Language can be done eiter before or after arrival to the Slovak Republic only by the official court translators registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic (the list of translators is available on <https://obcan.justice.sk/infosud-registre/-/isu-registre/zoznam/prekladatel>).
- The citizen may also provide documents issued or certified by the competent authorities of the Czech Republic in Czech language.

- Signatures of statutory declarations, powers of attorney, lease contracts and Notarial Deeds provided in proceedings hereunder will be certified; the same will not apply if the power of attorney is declared in the records before the administrative authority.
- Please, check all stipulations regarding entry visa needed when entering Slovak Republic and for getting the residence permit. Information can be also found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic <https://www.mzv.sk/web/en> , <http://www.minv.sk/?residence-of-an-foreigner>, or on the website of the Migration Information Centre: <https://www.mic.iom.sk/en/>. Also check what registration commitments are stated and ordered by your home country for students who want to travel for study abroad. Students do not need to apply for residence permit in the Slovak Republic if they stay here less than 90 days.

Before leaving Nitra, please notify the police department within 3 working days of the fact that the purpose for which the residence permit was granted ceased to exist (i.e. inform police about finishing your stay in Nitra).

### **Mobility of third country nationals within EU**

As of 1 May 2018, new simplified rules of mobility of third country nationals within EU are applicable in Slovakia. They enable students, researchers and researchers' family member with a residence permit in one of the EU member states to carry out short-term stays in Slovakia without the need to obtain a temporary residence in Slovakia:

Students who are holders of a residence permit for the purpose of university studies in one of the member states are allowed to carry out a mobility (short-term stay) in Slovakia for a maximum of 360 days without the need to apply for a temporary residence in Slovakia, if:

- ☞ they will carry out a part of their studies in Slovakia within an EU programme (e.g. Erasmus+), Slovak governmental programme (e.g. National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic), a multilateral programme supporting mobility (e.g. CEEPUS) or within an agreement between higher education institutions, and
- ☞ higher education institution in Slovakia, where they will carry out their studies, notifies the Ministry of Interior thereof in advance and submits:
  - ✓ proof of the fact, that a student will carry out a part of his/her studies in Slovakia within an EU programme (e.g. Erasmus+), Slovak governmental programme (e.g. National Scholarship Programme of the Slovak Republic), a multilateral programme supporting mobility (e.g. CEEPUS) or within an agreement between two or among more higher education institutions,
  - ✓ proof of admission to studies (Letter of Acceptance),
  - ✓ copy of a residence card issued by EU member state,
  - ✓ copy of a passport,
  - ✓ information about the start and finish dates of mobility
  - ✓ proof of financial coverage of stay in the amount of minimum living wages (210,20 EUR) for every month of stay or a confirmation of the higher education institution stating that the student will be provided with sufficient resources to cover the costs of living, study costs and travel costs for the return to the member state.

The higher education institution is obliged to report the Foreign Police Department in writing any change influencing the mobility in Slovakia, within three working days of learning about them.

## Health and insurance

The healthcare system in Slovakia falls under the competence of the Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic. In Slovakia, there are state and private health care providers. An initial medical examination is provided by state or private general practitioners. Everybody can choose a general practitioner who usually provides basic health care and can refer a patient to an appropriate specialist for further medical examination. If a foreign national has health insurance, the health care provided is paid for by the insurance company. Depending on the type of service provided, the health insurance company will pay for this service either in full or partially. If the health insurance company pays for the service only partially, the rest is paid by the foreigner directly to the health care provider. If a foreign national does not have health insurance, he/she must pay the full amount for health care provided.



**Health Insurance and Coverage European Health Insurance Card EU/EEA/Swiss nationals** are entitled to health care under the same conditions as the nationals of the Slovak Republic. For entitlement to medical treatment on the basis of health insurance in another Member State (EU, EEA, Switzerland), an EU/EEA/Swiss national must present a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to the health care provider (EHIC will be issued at your request by a health insurance company to which you pay health insurance premiums). In such case, the treatment of an EU/EEA/Swiss national will be covered by a Slovak health insurance company to the same amount as a Slovak national, provided the relevant physician has concluded a contract with at least one health insurance company.

**International Students (Including PhD Students)** International student coming to Slovakia to study within a programme arising from an international treaty (and that treaty is binding for the Slovak Republic) is subject to statutory health insurance, the Slovak Republic being the payer of such insurance. The student shall submit the necessary documents certifying his/her study at a higher education institution in the Slovak Republic, its international status – proved by the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic. Other international students must be insured privately. Additional Individual Health Insurance Foreigners who are not duly insured can take out contractual health insurance on the territory of the Slovak Republic.

Health insurance companies in the Slovak Republic:

[www.vszp.sk](http://www.vszp.sk), [www.dovera.sk](http://www.dovera.sk) (in Slovak only), <https://www.union.sk/>.

### **Obtaining Health Care**

Under the Slovak Constitution every individual – a citizen or a foreigner – staying in Slovakia has a right to be provided with the necessary health care. Everyone has the right to choose his/her own health care provider.

**Doctors:** General practitioners and specialists have their consulting rooms in hospitals or in health centres. Upon your arrival you should ask for details of a local doctor, who will be able to provide information on the standards.

**Dentists:** In every town is either a private or state dental practice (“zubár”, “stomatológ”). Upon arrival you should ask for details of the chosen dentist. Note that it is usually essential to book an appointment with a dentist in advance.

**Hospitals:** Every university town has a hospital (“nemocnica”) with an Accident and Emergency department (“pohotovost”) and many specialised clinics.

### More information available at:

- List of health care providers: [www.zzz.sk](http://www.zzz.sk) (in Slovak only). [www.zzz.sk/?page=pohotovost](http://www.zzz.sk/?page=pohotovost) (list of emergency medical care providers in Slovakia, in Slovak only)
- Emergency: If you need emergency services (“pohotovost”), dial telephone number “112”. Ambulances are well staffed and equipped with life-sustaining apparatus needed to safely transport patients to hospital.
- Hospitals provide 24 hour emergency services.
- Pharmacies: You can buy medicine in pharmacies (“lekárň”) only; they are located in every town and in some villages (they are marked with a green cross). Every town has to have at least one emergency pharmacy (“pohotovostná lekárň”) open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – for further details consult the information posted on the door of every pharmacy. If you require treatment at night, look for the sign “nočná služba”. Pharmacies sell domestic and foreign medical products. Certain medicines can be obtained only with a prescription from a physician. For a list of pharmacies, please, visit: [www.zzz.sk/?page=lekarne](http://www.zzz.sk/?page=lekarne) (in Slovak only).

## Living costs

Prices provided bellow give an idea of how much living in Slovakia costs. These costs are just approximate and they are a subject to change.

Rent: 1 bedroom flat: from 350 € per month including utilities (in larger towns the prices are higher, especially in town centres), 2 bedroom flat: from 400 € per month including utilities.

Food: Lunch in university canteen: from 2.50 €, Restaurant meal: from 4 €, Pizza in a pizzeria: from 5 €, 1 litre of milk: 0.80 €, 1 litre of mineral water: 0.40 €, Loaf of bread: 1 €, 400 g spaghetti: 0.80 €, Beer: 1 €,

Transportation: Local transport, basic ticket (single travel): from 0.80 €, Local transport, monthly ticket/travel pass: from 10 €, Coaches: Bratislava – Nitra, cca 100 km: 4 € (depending on the provider/bus company), taxi within Nitra: approx. 2 € per 1 travel within Nitra town

Fun: Movie ticket: 7 €, Museum ticket: from 1 €, Theatre ticket: 3 – 20 € for drama, 4 – 35 € for opera and ballet, Fitness centre ticket: from 3 €, Swimming pool ticket: from 2 €.

## Supporting university services

### Housing

As an exchange student at our university, you can be provided the accommodation for the whole period of your stay (based on the actual accommodation capacities).

There are two university dormitories – Halls of Residences (Student Dormitory Zobor – „SD ZOBOR“ and Student Dormitory Nitra – „SD NITRA“). Most of our international students are accommodated in SD NITRA.

### **SD NITRA:**



✓ **Student Dormitory Nitra called „SD NITRA“**

It's only 5 minutes by walk from the university rectorate building and from the city centre, close to the Rectorate, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Faculty of Arts. The dormitory SD Nitra has a nonstop service at the reception, so student can come during the weekends or late in the night. This dormitory offers 3-bedded rooms for students, so student must be aware he/she will share the room with other students. On the other hand it enables him/her to pay less. The price is 60,- €/month/student (in 3-bedded room). Each room has a bathroom (WC and shower) and a refrigerator. All rooms are equipped with bed-clothes, so you don't need to bring it with you. Many rooms have an Internet plug. You need to bring standard internet cable with you (or buy it in Nitra), to have electronic UKF student card (will be issued to you after arrival), and do a relevant settings on your notebook with assistance of our technician to get approach to the Internet in the room. Free Wi-Fi is available only in the lobby (reception) of the dormitory. On each floor of the dormitory, there is a common kitchen (please, bring your own kitchen utensils), students can use common TV room, laundry room, small fitness studio, University Creative Atelier for university performances, workshops, meetings, university canteen offering meals each day (orderings are made via UKF electronic student card) and buffet.

How to reach SD NITRA UKF?

Take bus no.2 (see time schedule and bus 2 line map in the section „Useful maps“ of this Guide) from the bus stop called „Razcestie Zeleznicna stanica“ and then step out at the fifth bus stop called „Andreja Hlinku Centro“. In front of you, there is SD NITRA UKF.

Address:

Student Dormitory Nitra („SD UKF NITRA“)

Ul. B. Slancikovej 1

949 74 Nitra

Head of the dormitory: Ing. Milan Masár, [mmasar@ukf.sk](mailto:mmasar@ukf.sk)

<https://www.ukf.sk/en/faculties-and-units/halls-of-residence/halls-of-residence-ukf-nitra>

**SD ZOBOR:**



✓ **Student Dormitory Zobor called „SD ZOBOR“**

This dormitory is close to the Faculty of Education and Faculty of Central European Studies. It's older dormitory, but after reconstructions each two rooms were joined to form one room cell with common social premisy (i.e. with toilet and bathroom) and with common fridge. Students can use gymnasium/sporting place, TV room, canteen in this dorm. The dormitory is also the seat of the university radio and University Student Parliament. The price is ranging from 37,- €/month/student (in 4-bedded room) up to 50,- €/month/student (in 2-bedded room).

### How to reach SD ZOBOR UKF?

Take bus no.2 (see time schedule and bus 2 line map in the section „Useful maps“ of this Guide) from the bus stop called „Razcestie Zeleznicna stanica“ and then step out at the ninth bus stop called „Amfiteater“. Turn around and walk down the Drazovská street. On your right hand you can see our Faculty of Education, on the opposite left side you can see SD ZOBOR.

### Address:

Student Dormitory Zobor („SD ZOBOR“)

Drazovska cesta 2

949 74 Nitra

Head of the dormitory: Ing. Eva Machavova, [emachavova@ukf.sk](mailto:emachavova@ukf.sk)

<https://www.ukf.sk/en/faculties-and-units/halls-of-residence/halls-of-residence-ukf-zobor>

The payment conditions (exact accommodation fee for month and due date) will be announced to you by dormitory staff upon arrival when signing the housing contract there. International exchange students are usually accommodated in 3-bedded rooms and pay the same amount of accommodation fee per room per month as our Slovak students to keep the equal conditions for all students. Furthermore, international exchange/mobility student pays the accommodation for each started month of stay as for the entire month even if he spends at our university only few days of that month.

You are requested to inform UKF International Relations Office ([kbutorova@ukf.sk](mailto:kbutorova@ukf.sk)) about any change in accommodation and the exact date of your arrival at your earliest convenience.

### **Catering**

There are 6 university canteens you could use when staying here – 3 of them are situated in the university faculties, 1 in the rectorate building and 2 in the student dormitories (SD NITRA and SD ZOBOR). Students, as well as teachers, are offered to order lunches in the university canteens via UKF website <https://www.stravovanie.ukf.sk/> using their access data. The university buffets offer cold meals, drinks and pastries. More information about catering services at UKF can be found on: <https://www.ukf.sk/en/student-services/catering>.

The food in Nitra is European with a variety of Slovak and European products and brand names. In the town markets you can get many kinds of fresh vegetables and fruits with a seasonal variation. There is a large number of restaurants ranging from the expensive to cheaper ones. Some restaurants open just for lunch, others are open during the whole day offering a special lunch menu. There are several public canteens in Nitra (mainly in the super- and hypermarkets), sandwich bars or restaurants offering Chinese, Arabian, Mexican or Italian food.

### **Internet access and UKF student card**

Our university is well-equipped with the latest computer technology enabling students free access to the Internet (Wifi/Eduroam network) using the electronic UKF student card.

### How to obtain UKF student card?

1. After arrival, you will enrol at Study Registration Office of the faculty.

2. Then you pay for the card in the UKF cash office. Price for the card is 22 € (full ISIC).
3. After then CIKT (Centre of Information and Communication Technologies) gives you the electronic student card. Along with the card you get your Access data - password and username which you will use during study at our university. You can get the university students card during the working hours of CIKT (Centre of Information and Communication Technologies, contact: Mrs Ludmila Ivanova):
  - Monday: 1.30 pm – 3 pm
  - Wednesday: 10 am – 11.30 am
  - Friday: 10 am – 11.30 am

Student card can be used for :

- o free access to the UKF buildings
- o access to the UKF library and study rooms (free for Erasmus students)
- o access to the Internet and to your study records in our university database (Academic Information System – called „AIS“)
- o access to the university copy machines
- o access to ordering meals via UKF website
- o discounts and benefits – please, check your eligibility for discounts on travelling , shopping, leisure time activities, etc. on [www.isic.sk](http://www.isic.sk)
- o travelling within Slovakia (also for public transport)

The card will be empty. For ordering meals in our canteens and copy machines, you have to charge the card – fill it with credit – the certain amount of money. Each time you use the card for lunch, copying, etc... credit will be counted down from your card.

Internet access within UKF is available:

- at PC stands in UKF buildings' corridors
- in the UKF dormitory rooms (access is delivered on the basis of EDUROAM wifi net - only for EU countries, or on the basis of downloading our university core internet certificate into your PC and doing respective settings of your PC). Note: you have to buy standard internet cable to get access.

Address:

CIKT – Centre of Information and Communication Technologies

Dražovská cesta 4

949 01 Nitra

Slovak Republic

<https://www.ukf.sk/en/faculties-and-units/center-for-information-and-communication-technology>

Technical support for international students (for Internet access in the UKF dormitory SD NITRA):

Mgr. Marek Čabák

Faculty of Arts, office: SD NITRA, room B138A

Tel: +421 37 6405 509

[mcabak@ukf.sk](mailto:mcabak@ukf.sk)

**Public transport card**

One regular travel/ticket by public bus („MHD“ in Nitra) costs 0,80 EUR (one travel means one way without changing the bus). There are no time zones for public transport in Nitra, so

one ticket serves for one way anywhere and anytime you travel in Nitra. Paper bus ticket can be purchased at the bus driver only. Electronic UKF student card reduces price of your ticket per each travel – it will then cost only **0,30 EUR**.

Provide the following documents to the public transport office in Nitra:

- identity card
- valid ISIC registered at our university
- credit added to the card for at least 5,- EUR

By attaching the card to electronic sensor in the bus, price for travel is counted down from the credit on your card. If you change the bus within 40 minutes from the first travel and attach the card in the next bus to the sensor again, this next travel is free of charge.

Beware!!! travelling without paper ticket or electronic card is punished by a sanction from 20,- to 70,- EUR.

### **University library**

Address:

Dražovská cesta 4  
949 01 Nitra  
Slovak Republic  
[www.uk.ukf.sk](http://www.uk.ukf.sk)



Opening times in the lecture period:

- Mo-Thu : from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
- Fri: from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- Sat: from 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

University online catalogue is available on <https://kis.ukf.sk/opacXE?fn=main> also in English. Except of our university library, you can also use public library services in the Nitra town library, but for the respective entrance fee.

### **Pastoral work**

The main aim of the Paul Strauss' University Pastoral Center in Nitra (UPC) is to provide pastoral care and spiritual aid to the students and staff from both Nitra universities, and staff from other institutions and dormitories. In cooperation with the Lumen Club, it organizes regular meetings and church masses. It also focuses on spiritual renewal (at dedicated time intervals during the week in the UPC premises and in the Diocesan Pastoral Center on weekends), providing spiritual guidance, counselling, creating an environment for Christian-oriented spiritual meetings for the University students and staff.

Address:

Dražovská cesta 4  
949 01 Nitra  
Slovak Republic  
<http://www.upcnitra.sk>



### **ESN UKF – Buddy System**

Our incoming exchange students are offered a „helping hand“ by our ESN UKF (Erasmus Student Network) which helps exchange students through „Buddies“ to familiarize with organisation and system of study at Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, to integrate among other students, to translate and interpret in communication with other people, to accompany student in Nitra town and a place of his/her accommodation (including pick-up service on the day of arrival), help international student to manage the residence permit, UKF student card, and, of course organizes many interesting events for incomings! In case you need any help with arrival or during your stay in Nitra, contact our ESN UKF: e-mail: [esn.ukf@gmail.com](mailto:esn.ukf@gmail.com) and website: <https://ukf.esn.sk/>, <https://www.facebook.com/ESNukfNitra/>, [https://www.instagram.com/esn\\_ukf\\_nitra/](https://www.instagram.com/esn_ukf_nitra/).



### **Public holidays in Slovakia**

1 January – Day of the Establishment of the Slovak Republic of the Slovak Republic  
6 January – Catholic Epiphany  
April 19 – Good Friday  
April 22 - Easter Monday  
1 May – Labour Day  
8 May – Day of Victory over Fascism – End of World War II  
5 July – St. Cyril and St. Methodius Day  
29 August – Slovak National Uprising Anniversary  
1 September – Day of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic  
15 September – Day of the Virgin Mary of the Seven Sorrows  
1 November – All Saints’ Day  
17 November – Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day  
24 December – Christmas Eve  
25 December – Christmas Day  
26 December – St. Stephen’s Day.

People usually do not work on these days; banks, post offices, shops, ambulances are closed; some public transport offers a reduced service (esp. buses and trains)

### **Leisure time activities**

Nitra surroundings offer many possibilities for sightseeing during the year. Arboretum Mlyňany (27 km from Nitra) - boasts a collection of old decorative trees and shrubs which create a valuable park. Topoľčianky Chateau (35 km from Nitra) - one of the most significant classicist chateaux in Slovakia surrounded by a large English park. There is a museum of historic furniture, mostly baroque pieces. Brhlovce (56 km from Nitra) settlements in rocks from the 18th century. A complex of rock dwellings hewed in tuff. Hurbanovo (54 km from Nitra) - an observatory. Kostolany under Trábeč (15km from Nitra) - St. Juraj’s Church dating back to the 10th century with frescos from the 11th century. Jahodná, Tomášikovo, Kollárovo, Jelka, Bohunice - old water mills, remarkable examples of typical mill settlements. This is only a selection of what you can see in the nearest region of Nitra.



Students enrolled at Constantine the Philosopher University have vast possibilities for sport activities. They can use free of charge:

- ✓ university swimming pool, Tr. A. Hlinku 1 (rectorate building), length 25m, temp. 18 – 26°, with supplementary equipment: toilettes, schowers, dressing rooms. Swimming pool is usually available in the late afternoon after finishing lectures of sport education students.
- ✓ 2 university gymnasiums – Big and Small, Tr. A. Hlinku 1 (rectorate building), usually available after 6 or 7 pm.
- ✓ Small fitness studio, SD NITRA, B. Slancikovej 1.

All these facilities belong to Department of Physical Education and Sport, Faculty of Education) – keys are given to student after approval of the Head of Department at the reception of UKF.



Those who are interested in watching sports can visit Nitra's football stadiums and hockey rinks and other sport facilities. Every weekend our town offers a number of attractive sports events, e.g. league matches of sport – football, ice hockey, handball, volleyball and basketball. The Nitra river created favourable conditions for establishing a city park at the beginning of the 18th century. In its vicinity, there are playgrounds for children, sports areas, areas for animals as well as a swimming pool, ice rink and football stadiums. Those who are searching for the active pursuit in Nitra can follow dancing course of clogging, historic fencing, martial arts, hiking or horse riding in the surrounded ranches which organize western days and shows where you can learn how to ride a horse.



Nitra is home to a number of institutions, galleries, museums (e.g. open-air museum of folk architecture), theatres, churches, libraries and Agrokomplex fair. The most remarkable sight is the Nitra Castle and the Cathedral (the first remarks of this cathedral are dated back to the 9th century), which was declared a national cultural monument. For students who are interested in culture, Nitra offers cinema and theatres, as well as an open air cinema. The Andrej Bagar Theatre, located in the downtown, is one of the most modern theatres in this part of Europe. Beside of that, many discos are organized in the town mainly on Fridays and Saturdays. The beginning of the year is the period of balls, carnivals and other exquisite events, which reach the climax before Easter time. Many actions and events are organized at the early beginning of July within the Nitra festival which consists of the generous cultural and historical programme (Cyril-Methodian Academy) as a celebration of the Christianity and the Great-Moravian history.

## Useful links

- Timetable of the bus/train connections: [www.cp.sk](http://www.cp.sk)
- Explore our university virtually on <https://www.ukf.sk/univerzita/kontakt/virtualna-prehliadka>
- Tourist information: [www.slovak-republic.org](http://www.slovak-republic.org), <http://www.slovakia.travel/>, [www.slovakia.com/tourism](http://www.slovakia.com/tourism), [www.travelslovakia.sk](http://www.travelslovakia.sk), [www.nitra.sk](http://www.nitra.sk), <https://www.nitra.eu>, <https://visitnitra.eu/en/>, [www.nisys.sk](http://www.nisys.sk)



## Useful maps

Map of objects of Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra:

[https://www.ukf.sk/images/univerzita/O\\_univerzite/Mapka\\_UKF\\_objektov\\_2018\\_web1.pdf](https://www.ukf.sk/images/univerzita/O_univerzite/Mapka_UKF_objektov_2018_web1.pdf)

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