

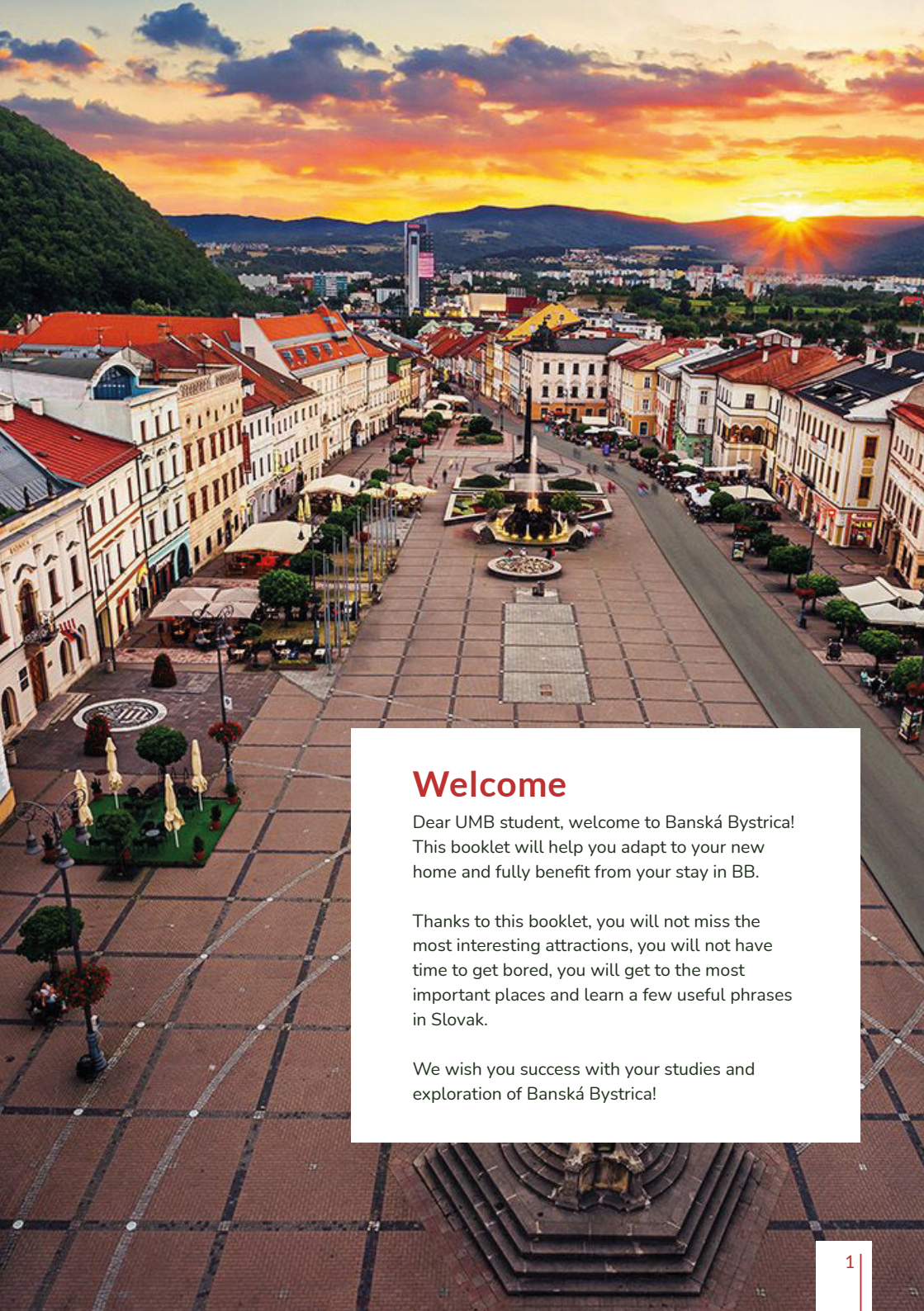


**WELCOME TO  
BANSKÁ  
BYSTRICA**

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## Welcome

Dear UMB student, welcome to Banská Bystrica! This booklet will help you adapt to your new home and fully benefit from your stay in BB.

Thanks to this booklet, you will not miss the most interesting attractions, you will not have time to get bored, you will get to the most important places and learn a few useful phrases in Slovak.

We wish you success with your studies and exploration of Banská Bystrica!

## To settle in...

**1** Register with your dorm (Probably dorm 3 ), the receptionist most likely doesn't speak English (recommended to go with your buddy or your dictionary / google translate)

**2** If you are an Erasmus student, confirm your arrival with your coordinator (he/she might want to have a meeting with you)

**3** Internet access in your room: change the settings on your computer, follow instructions from the link: <https://lms.umb.sk/course/view.php?id=58>

**4** Log in to your account on AIS2 and Outlook ( login information should be provided to you by your coordinator)

**5** Pick up ISIC card ( you need to have ISIC card from Slovakia, not from your country)

**6** When you have the ISIC card, make the train card - go to the ticket office on the train station

**7** Top up your ISIC card for the public transport - ask the driver in a bus.

### Remember!

To bring an internet cable (LAN) of your own.

There is no kettle in the dorm, so if you need one, bring one.



## To get to know the town...



The **first written record** of existence of Banská Bystrica dates to 1255 when Banská Bystrica was granted rights by King Belo IV. to mine gold, silver and other metals.

As an ancient town, it was an important **mining centre** in the 13th century.

This town used to be call **German: Neusohl, Hungarian: Besztercebánya**, and nowadays it is the capital town of Banskobystrický kraj (region), central Slovakia.

On August 29, 1944, Banská Bystrica was the center of the **Slovak National Uprising** against facism in Second World War.

It is located on the banks of **Hron** and is surrounded by the mountains of the **Low Tatras, Veľká Fatra and Kremnické vrchy**.

Area of Banská Bystrica is **103,38 km<sup>2</sup> (10 338 ha)** large.

With **78 084 inhabitants**, it is the sixth most populated city in Slovakia. 5080 foreigners from different countries live in the Banská Bystrica (Dec. 2019).



# To get somewhere...

Here you can find your dormitory („Študentský domov“, abbr. ŠD), as well as the faculty you are studying at. Not all routes are mentioned, only useful ones.

## DORMITORIES:

**ŠD1 (Address: Tajovského 40)** – same as ŠD3

Bus stop: Tajovského UMB

Route: 34 – train/bus station, Europa Shopping Centre, square (walking from Národná)

**ŠD2 (Address: Komenského 20)**

Bus stop: Komenského PF UMB

Route: 36 – train/bus station, ŠD1, square (walking from Strieborné námestie)

**ŠD3 (Address: Tajovského 51)** – same as ŠD1

Bus stop: Tajovského školy (a few minutes walk)

Route: 1 – train/bus station, ŠD4, square (walking from Národná)

**ŠD4 (Address: Trieda SNP 53)**

Bus stop: 29. augusta

Route: 34 – square (walking from Národná), Europa Shopping Centre (Vajanského), Faculty of Economics

Route: 80 – Faculty of Education (Ďumbierska ZŠ), Faculty of Arts (Tajovského školy)

**ŠD5 (Address: Ružová 15)**

Bus stop: Ďumbierska ZŠ

Route: 80 – square (walking from Strieborné námestie), ŠD1 (Tajovského školy)

Bus stop: Rudlovska cesta, rázcestie Rudlová

Route: 20 – train/bus station

Route: 21 – Europa Shopping Centre (walking from Štadlerovo nábrežie)

## FACULTIES:

**Faculty of Economics:**

Bus stop: Tajovského park

Route: 34 – ŠD4

**Faculty of Political Science and International Relations:**

Bus stop: Národná

Route: 34 – ŠD1/ŠD3/ŠD4

**Faculty of Natural Sciences:**

Check in dormitories : ŠD1, ŠD3 !

**Faculty of Arts:**

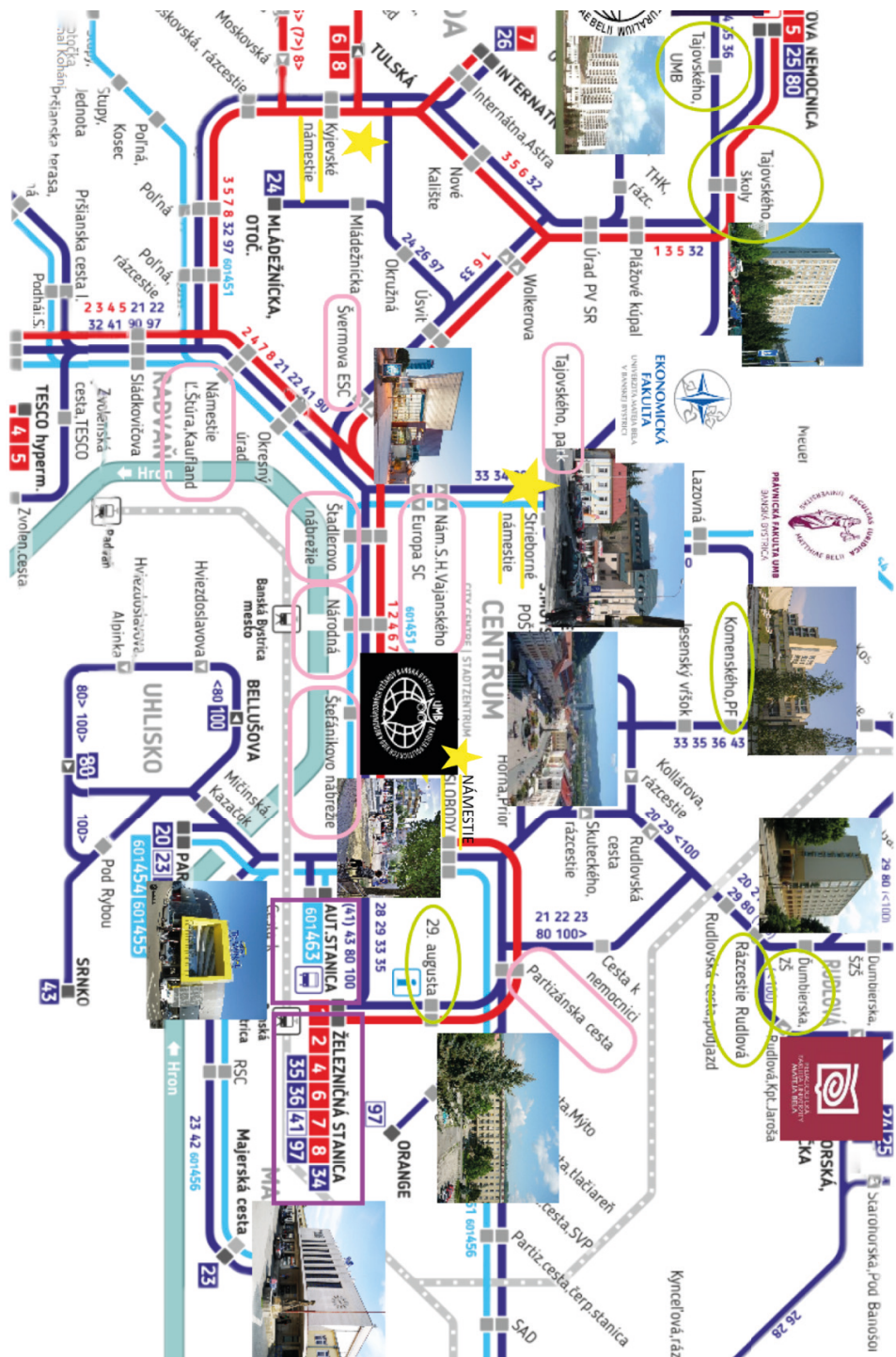
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**Faculty of Education:**

Check in dormitory ŠD5 !

**Faculty of Law:**

Check in dormitory ŠD2 !



# To buy groceries...

## 1. LIDL

cheap, good offer, multicultural weeks, good quality

ŠD5: bus: 20, 21, 22 – Rudohorská dolná, walk to Sásová-Dedinská

bus: 21, 22 – Štadlerovo nábrežie, walk to SC Point Lidl

ŠD3: walk or bus: 1, 3, 25, 27 – Nad plážou 6704  
bus: 1 – Štadlerovo nábrežie

bus: 25, 27 – Strieborné námestie, walk to SC Point Lidl

## 2. KAUF LAND

cheap, good offer

ŠD5: bus: 21, 22 – Námestie Ľ. Štúra(Kaufland),  
bus: 20, 80 – Železničná stanica (Kaufland)

ŠD3: bus: 1, 34, 35, 36 – Železničná stanica (Kaufland)

## 3. TESCO EXPRES (address: Strieborné námestie)

not as cheap, good location

ŠD5: bus: 22, 21 – Národná, walk to Strieborné námestie

ŠD3: bus: 25, 27 – Strieborné námestie

## 4. NEBAlené (address: Námestie SNP 16 – next to the Community Garden: Záhrada nezávislej kultúry)

ecological, zero waste, unwrapped, unpacked, tasting products

ŠD5: bus: 22, 21 – Národná, walk to Námestie SNP 16

ŠD3: bus: 25, 27 – Strieborné námestie or (bus-1) Národná, walk to Námestie SNP 16

## 5. Europa shopping centre (address: Na Troskách 25)

Terno grocery shop, cosmetic markets, clothing stores, fast food, restaurants

ŠD5: bus: 22, 21 – Štadlerovo nábrežie, walk to ESC

ŠD3: bus: 25, 27 – Strieborné námestie

bus: 1 – Štadlerovo nábrežie, walk to Na Troskách 25

## 6. Local farmers – Gazdovský trh

(address: Družby 35)

local farmer products, high quality, more expensive

ŠD5: bus: 21, 22 – Národná, then take bus: 1, 6, 26 to Okružná, or bus: 6 to Úsvit, walk to Družby 35

ŠD3: bus: 25, 27 – Strieborné námestie, then take bus: 24 to Okružná, walk to Družby 35

bus: 1 Úsvit, then walk to Družby 35





# A place to study, print and copy...

**Matej Bel University Library in Banská Bystrica**  
<https://www.library.umb.sk/>



**Universal reading room and European documentation center** Tajovského 51, 1st floor, phone: 048/446 52 08

**Economic reading room**

Tajovského 10, 1st floor, phone: 048/446 21 63



**Reading room of education**

Student dormitory 5, Ružová 15, 2nd floor, phone: 048/446 42 52

**Reading room of political science**

Kuzmányho 1, ground floor, phone: 048/446 12 38



**Reading room of law**

Comenius 20, 2nd floor

**Department of absent lending**

Tajovského 40, to the right of the gatehouse, phone: 048/446 74 41



**The State Scientific Library in Banská Bystrica**

<https://www.svkbb.eu/>, Lazovná 240/9, phone: +421 48 415 5111, +421 48 471 0769

**Mikulas Kovac Public Library**

[https://www.vkmm.sk](https://www.vkmm.sk/), Jilemnického 48



## Printing and copying



**GP media**

[https://www.gpmedia.sk](https://www.gpmedia.sk/), Tajovského 51 (Student Dormitory 3), 0902 061 431

**TA BB Slovakia**

<https://www.facebook.com/tabbslovakia/>  
Nad plážou 1, 0915 834 427



# To get active...

**AQUALAND Banská Bystrica:** outdoor water park where you can also play beach volleyball, badminton and bowling.

Address: Švermova 327/45, 974 04 Banská Bystrica

website: <http://aqualandbb.eu/sport-a-relax-2/>

**Laser Arena Banská Bystrica (Laser tag):** a place where you can have a fight with your friends with no pain or harm. The laser is your weapon. You will be in a dark room and you will hide and shoot at your friends.

Address: Zvolenská cesta 177 (near AAA auto) 974 05 Banská Bystrica

**Ostrý Vrch:** the nearest hiking track from dorm 3. The trip take you about 3 hours on the way are benches and a nice view of the mountains.

**Panský diel:** A hill just next to the city The view from the top is wonderful, the city on one side and the vast mountain ranges on the other.

## Outdoor Activities

**PARK SNOW Donovaly:** skiing/snowboarding

**Plážové kúpalisko („Beach Swimming Pool):** Cross-Country Skiing in winter/swimming, wakeboarding, in-line skating, football, beach volleyball, badminton, water bikes in summer



### **Indoor Activities**

**BASELINE Sport Arena** – tennis, ping-pong, HIIT, Fit Lady (fitness lessons especially for women)

**Swimming Pool Štiavničky**

**BASE GYM:** CrossFit

**Joga Srdcom/LOCA Studio:** yoga

**MegaGym/MM FITNESS:** fitness

### **Selection Of Optional Subjects At University (Department of Physical Education and Sports):**

You can sign up for the subject Physical Education, no matter what faculty you study at.

It offers a wide range of activities, e.g. Ice skating for Winter semester, Sports trip to Greece or hiking in Slovak mountains for Summer semester.



**PARK SNOW Donovaly**

## To relax...

**1** **Park under the SNP Museum:** Park in the city center not big but with a lot of space to sitting and relax (grass and benches).

**2** **Mestský Park J. M. Hurbana:** Park is opposite the Economics Faculty.

**3** **Biliard club 8:** price: 5euro 1hour, Address: Námestie Ľudovíta Štúra 26, 974 05 Banská Bystrica.

**4** **Ihrysko:** a place where you can rent a board game and play it, Address: Horná Strieborná 13.



# Local Festivals and Music...

## Traditional

**Vínšpacírka:** Wine route – tasting wines

**Banskobystrický pivný festival:** Beer festival

**Christmas Market:** University punch UMB

**Radvanský jarmok:** Fair with traditional crafts

**Folklorňa Bystrica:** Folk music and dance festival

## Modern/For Students And Young People

**STREET FOOD Festival**

**Bažant Majáles**

**Októberfest UMB**

**Ples mladých Bystričanov:** Ball

**Festival of Light and Shadow:** Art festival

## Party And Dance Clubs

**Ministry of Fun:** House, Electro, Techno, famous DJs

**U Francúza:** jazz club

**Alterege Music and Cocktails**

**Klub 77:** rock music

**Kapitol Pub**

Vínšpacírka

Radvanský jarmok

Bažant Majáles

Ministry of Fun



## To explore...

**1 Amphitheater:** address is Cesta na amfiteáter 494 (it is near to Faculty of Economics UMB). Through summer you can see popular movies, it has a great atmosphere.  
**ŠD5:** bus – 21, 22: Národná, walk through SNP námestie to Cesta na amfiteátri 494  
**ŠD3:** bus – 1, 34: Národná, walk through SNP námestie to Cesta na amfiteátri 494  
bus – 25, 27: Strieborné námestie, walk to Cesta na amfiteátri 494



**8 Urpín view:** access is possible from the railway station Mesto-Malá stanica (Town-small station), you go through Urpín serpentines. It is a beautiful view to centre of Banská Bystrica.  
**ŠD5:** bus – 21, 22: Národná = Mesto-Malá stanica (Town-small station), and walk to Urpín view.  
bus – 20, 23: Námestie slobody, walk through SNP Park to Mesto-Malá stanica.  
**ŠD3:** bus – 1, 34: Národná = Mesto-Malá stanica and walk to Urpín view.  
bus – 25, 27, 80: Strieborné námestie, walk through SNP námestie to Mesto-Malá stanica, and walk to Urpín view.



**4 Suchý vrch-chata (Dry Hill with cottage)**



**5. Malachovské skaly (stones)**



**3. Vila of Dominik Skutezky (gallery):** address is: Horná 55. (centre of B. Bystrica). It is gallery with famous paintings, portraits and masterpieces by Dominik Skutezky.  
**ŠD5:** bus – 20, 21, 22, 23: Námestie slobody, walk to Horná 55  
**ŠD3:** bus – 1, 34, 36: Námestie slobody, walk to Horná 55  
bus – 25, 27. Strieborné námestie, walk to Horná 55

**9. Rozprávkový dom (Fantasy house):** address is: Pod Urpínom 537 (near to river Hron). Very nice place to have hot tea or coffee, it is something different and unique. You can get from there, by asphalt, road to Urpín view.  
**ŠD5:** bus – 21, 22: Národná, walk to address Pod Urpínom 537  
bus – 20, 23: Námestie slobody, walk through SNP Park to address Pod Urpínom 537  
**ŠD3:** bus – 1, 34: Národná, walk to address Pod Urpínom 53



**7. Vartovka hvezdáreň (observatory)** access is possible from ulica Žltý piesok (Yellow sand street) the route is marked with white stars, or from the railway station Mesto- Malá stanica (Town-small station) – blue tourist path. It is a great and intriguing experience. (same bus and road as for Urpín view)

**4. Suchý vrch-chata (Dry Hill with cottage):** access is from Fončorda street Tulská – blue marked route, or the asphalt route through newly built family houses on Suchý vrch. Then you walk to modern Pony farm (you can ride horses there), and from the farm it is just few minutes to cottage. It has great view, you can ride a horse and eat in the good-quality restaurant which is located there.  
**ŠD5:** bus – 20, 21, 22, 23: Námestie slobody, then take bus – 6, 7, 8: Tulská  
**ŠD3:** bus – 3, 5: Tulská

**5. Malachovské skaly (stones):** Pršianska terasa (terrace). Look at the new buildings (flats) on the left and notice a group of stones- walk to them. It is easily accessible and you can see beautiful sunrise and whole Banská Bystrica.  
**ŠD5:** bus – 21, 22: Štefánikovo nábrežie, then take. Bus – 97, 601463: to Pršianska terasa  
bus – 20, 23: Námestie slobody, then take bus – 97: to Pršianska terasa  
**ŠD3:** bus – 1, 34: Národná, then take bus – 97, 601463: to Pršianska terasa  
bus – 3, 5, 32: Sládkovičová, then take bus – 97, 601463: to Pršianska terasa

**6. Rybník pod rybou (Fish Pond):** address is: Mičinská cesta (it is near to hockey stadium or SC Terminal)). It is a very nice and calm place to relax and have date.  
**ŠD5:** bus – 20, 23: Parkovisko Mičinská  
**ŠD3:** bus – 34, 35, 36: Námestie slobody, then take. Bus – 20, 23, 28, 29: or just walk to Parkovisko Mičinská

# To find entertainment and food...

## 1. Billiard Club 8

Address: Námestie Ľudovíta Štúra 26, 974 05  
Banská Bystrica €5/h

## 2. Hockey match

Go to a hockey game and experience an amazing atmosphere and support your team (if you don't have a team, shout every time a goal is scored and have fun). During the break, you can buy a beer or something else to drink.

Address: Hronské predmestie 1452 974 01  
Website: <https://www.hc05.sk/>

## 3. Ministry of Fun

The biggest and most modern club in slovakia.  
Address: Na troskách 25( Europa SC)

## 4. Klubovňa

This is the place where you can taste a very good beer in an old church.  
Address: Námestie Štefana Moyzesa 26/52

## 5. U Richtara

A restaurant where you can taste traditional Slovak food and of course a nice beer. The restaurant is on the old market so you can enjoy delicious food and city living.  
Address: Namestie SNP 11

## 6. Blac coffee

A nice cafe in an industrial style where you can drink aromatic coffee or tea and eat fantastic cakes. In the evening wine is served.  
Address: Národná 9





## Useful apps...

**CP (Cestovné poriadky):** The official app for searching for trains, buses and public transport schedules for FREE. CP works online, so it always uses up-to-date schedules, including information about delays and closures.



**FLIX  
BUS**

**FlixBus:** Travel app. You have access to your trip information and ticket at any time via your phone.

**RegioJet:** Travel app. Convenient search and booking of train and bus tickets - Tickets to more than 90 European cities.



**Ideme vlakom:** Quickly purchase tickets of «The Railway Company of Slovakia» and get information about trains.

**Map of Slovakia offline:** Map of Slovakia offline works without connecting to the Internet. No need to pay for internet or roaming.



**Lidl Plus:** App designed to give customers discounts on the products they love. Lidl is one of the largest product supermarkets in Slovakia.

**BILLA Bonus:** Lots of discount coupons, 10% discount on the entire purchase and much more. BILLA is one of the largest product supermarkets in Slovakia.



**Clubcard Tesco Slovakia:** Quickly and conveniently access your coupons and vouchers, which you can redeem right from your mobile phone. Tesco is one of the largest product supermarkets in Slovakia.

**Slovak - English Translator:** This translator can easily translate words and text from Slovak to English and from English to Slovak. You are able to translate words and even sentences, in just a split second. This app works online.



**ISIC:** The International Student Identity Card (ISIC) is proof of official student status. Search and view thousands of services, discounts and offers available to ISIC cardholders worldwide. Discover what offers are available to you and verify your student status to redeem offers instantly with your virtual ISIC card.

**AiS2:** The application is intended for students and university staff using the AiS2 information system. If you are a student in Slovakia university, this application will be very useful for you.



# To communicate...

## Greetings

Hi!	Ahoj, Čau
Good morning	Dobré ráno
Good day	Dobrý deň
Good evening	Dobrý večer
Good night	Dobrá noc
Good bye	Dovidenia

## Communication

I don't speak Slovak	Nehovorím po slovensky.
Do you speak English?	Hovoríte po anglicky?
I don't understand	Nerozumiem.
Yes, No	Áno, Nie
My name is...	Volám sa...
Thank You!	Ďakujem!
I am sorry!	Prepáčte!

## Numbers

One, two, three, four, five	Jeden, dva, tri, štyri, päť
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten	Šesť, sedem, osem, deväť, desať
Twenty, fifty	Dvadsať, päťdesiat
Hundred, thousand	Sto, tisíc

## Health and Medical Care

Ambulance	Sanitka
Doctor	Lekár
Pharmacy	Lekáreň
Police	Polícia
Space orientation	
Departure, Arrival	Odchod/Príchod
Entrance	Vstup
Restroom	WC
Exit	Východ
Where is...?	Kde je...?
Emergency exit	Únikový východ.
Open, Closed	Otvorené, Zatvorené

## Food and Shopping

Restaurant	Reštaurácia
Café	Kaviareň
Store	Obchod
How much is it?	Kolko to stojí?
I would like the bill, please.	Účet, prosím.
Price	Cena
Meals	Jedlá
Drinks	Nápoje
Grocery	Potraviny
Water	Voda
Bread	Chlieb
Milk	Mlieko
Wine	Víno
Beer	Pivo
Fruit	Ovocie
Vegetable	Zelenina



Ľudovít Štúr codified Slovak language in 1843

## To find help...

**University contact:** +421 484 464 111

**University dormitory contact:**

ŠD5 (Ružová 15):

mobile: 048/446 4981

e-mail: janka.hodasova@umb.sk

gatehouse tel.: 048/446 4980

**Study department contact for PDF UMB:**

Mgr. Janka Korčoková

Mobile: 048/446 4264

E-mail: janka.korcokova@umb.sk

**Accommodation and food options:**

Web: <https://www.umb.sk/en/student-life/accommodation-and-boarding/accommodation-and-boarding.html>



## In case of emergency...

**Information centre Banská Bystrica:**

Information Centre Banská Bystrica  
Námestie SNP 1 (Town hall building)

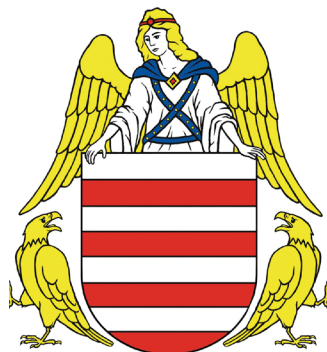
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Mobile: +421 907 846 555

Web: [www.visitbanskabystrica.sk](http://www.visitbanskabystrica.sk)

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Firefighters	150
Police	158
Emergency	112
Taxi	14011



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