

48th EPRA Meeting, 10-12 October 2018 Bratislava – essential information

Programme

Wednesday, 10 October 2018	
19:00	Welcome Reception at Restaurant “Hrad”, Bratislava Castle
Thursday, 11 October 2018	
08:30	Registration and coffee at the conference premises, Sheraton Hotel
09:00 – 17:30	EPRA Meeting at the conference premises, Sheraton Hotel
19:30	Dinner at Elesko Restaurant, Elesko Wine Park, Modra
Friday, 12 October 2018	
09:00 – 13:30	EPRA Meeting at the conference premises, Sheraton Hotel
15:00	Social Programme – A guided walking tour of the Bratislava Old Town (free of charge)
Saturday, 13 October 2018 (optional programme)	
Optional programme – Possibility of a boat trip to Devín castle or Danubiana Gallery; possibility to visit the UFO bridge for the best view of the city	

Note: due to the financial constraints there is no interpretation provided throughout the meeting.

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EPRA Meeting venue

The **venue for the conference** is the Sheraton Hotel located at Pribinova 12 directly at the Danube River and opposite the Slovak National Theatre. All of the official formal parts of the programme of the meeting are going to take place in the Sheraton Hotel.

The **main sessions** will take place in the main conference room of the Sheraton Hotel located on the 2nd floor (there will be information panels in the hotel to guide you). This new hotel offers a unique location with a riverside park with a promenade and a nearby city centre and an opportunity for shopping in the adjacent building of the popular Eurovea shopping centre (with a multiplex cinema). The neighbouring new building of the Slovak National Theatre offers a possibility of the daily programme of Drama, Opera and Ballet.

A lunch buffet will be served on Thursday and Friday at the Sheraton hotels excellent Brasserie Anjou. WiFi will be provided throughout the conference.

The checkout from the hotel Sheraton is possible until 12:00 so you will need to do it either in the morning before the start of the official programme or during the coffee break. There will be a possibility to keep your luggage in a separate room reserved for this purposes.

Getting around

As for the **first reception** on the 10th of October, there is a possibility to walk to the venue on foot (around 25 minutes) through the old town or to use a taxi or public transportation. As for the **second evening**, there will be a shuttle service to Elesko restaurant before and after the dinner leaving from the Sheraton Hotel.

In the case you are using the **public transport system** (buses and trams), the basic ticket – 15 minutes - costs 0,7 eur ("*základný lístok*"), or you can select other types of tickets.

Taxi fares from the **Bratislava Airport** (on the outskirts of the city) to the Sheraton Hotel should cost from 8 to 12 eur (there is a possibility of a bus connection that is more complicated with line 61 from the airport getting to the railway station with a need to switch to lines 3 or 78 or 210). However, we strongly advise not to take a taxi directly stationed at the Airport and call one (see the options below). From **Vienna Airport** (62 km away) we would recommend using one of the bus services to Bratislava ([Slovak Lines](#), [Flixbus](#) or [Regiojet](#) that leave directly from the airport to Bratislava and cost around 5 eur). There is a possibility to use a taxi, but that will cost around 40 eur. For getting from the Sheraton Hotel to the Welcome Reception will bear costs of (price to be added based on the selected venue) for a taxi.

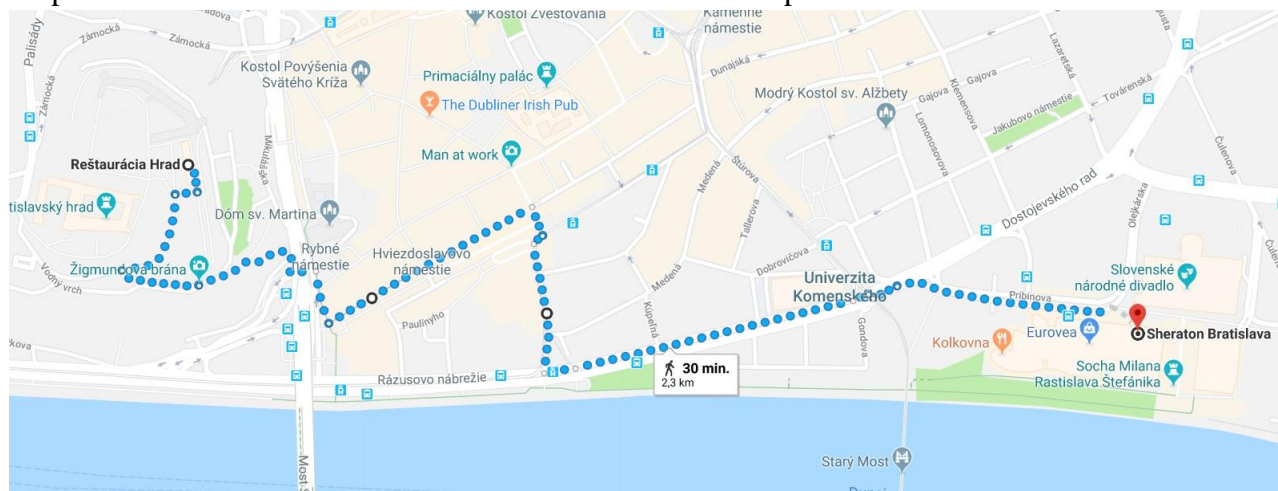
In Bratislava for calling of a **Taxi** the most convenient option is the reservation system at different Taxi platforms like www.hopintaxi.com (or you can download the free app) or use the Taxify [app](#). Uber due to legal reason currently suspended its activities in Bratislava until there is a new legislative regime in place. You can also alternatively use the following taxi services: Easy Taxi: +421 907 440 440, VB Taxi: +421 911 017 158 or Fun Taxi: +421 905 916 777. For a taxi to get from the Vienna Airport, you could use for example "Taxi na Schwechat" service: +421 907 700 900.

Social events

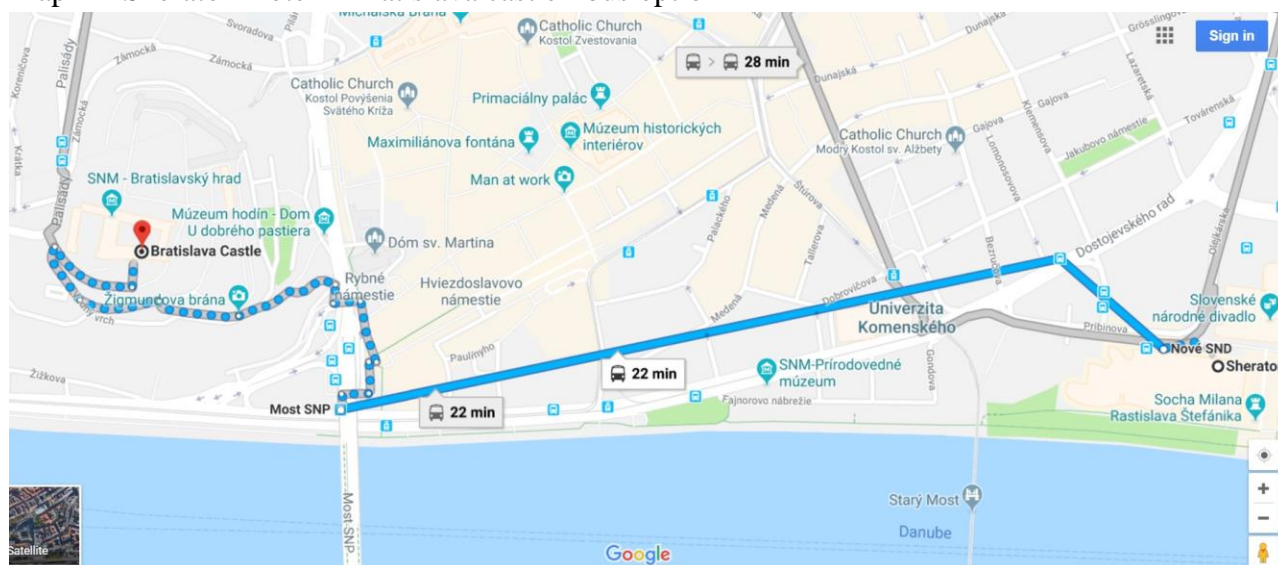
Welcome Reception at Restaurant “Reštaurácia Hrad”, Bratislava Castle (10th October 2018)

The Welcome Reception on 10th October 2018 will start at 19:00 and will end at 21:30. It will take place at the [Restaurant “Hrad”](#) located directly at the Bratislava Castle. This restaurant is uniquely placed on the castle hill and offers a magnificent view of the old town. We would also advise getting to the venue in advance to have the time to make a short tour around the castle. To get to the venue ([coordinates here](#)) there is a possibility to walk on foot (around 25 minutes) – see map 1 from the Sheraton Hotel through the old town or to use a taxi or public transportation (bus line 29 leaving from the bus stop “Nové SND” near the hotel with the end station “Most SNP” with a necessary additional walk of 1 km – see map 2). When you arrive at the castle, it can be a little tricky to find your way to the Restaurant “Hrad”. There will be organiser staff members at both of the entrances to the castle to help you, and you can also find a detailed map (map 3) of the castle area below.

Map 1 – Sheraton Hotel – Bratislava Castle – walk on foot option



Map 2 – Sheraton Hotel – Bratislava castle - bus option



Map 3 – Bratislava Castle – “Hrad” Restaurant



Dinner at Elesko Restaurant, Elesko Wine Park, Modra (11th October 2018)

The dinner on the 11th October 2018 will start at 19:30. It will take place at the [Elesko Restaurant](#), Elesko Wine Park in Modra. The winery complex Elesko is located in the beautiful surroundings directly in vineyards near Modra. This lifestyle centre is built in unique modern architecture. On the premises, in the middle of vineyards, there is also a museum of contemporary world art.

There will also be a possibility of taking a **wine tasting tour with a sommelier** at the modern wine cellars of the Elesko Winery. This will be organised in the same building as the restaurant where the dinner will take place. There are two elements of this programme: the visit to the winery and the degustation of selected local wines. There will be a possibility to easily leave the tour and return to the dining hall at any time. The tour will take place after the last course (around 9:15 PM). The tour/degustation should take between 30-60 minutes, and there will be two organised groups. The places will be preferentially allocated to the delegates that have registered in advance.

There will be a **shuttle service** to Elesko restaurant before (departure at 18:30 from the entrance of the Sheraton Hotel) and after (departure at 22:30 and 23:30 from the Eleskon restaurant) the dinner.

After the dinner, the Bratislava city offers many further possibilities for how to spend the rest of the evening, especially in the city centre, where many bars and clubs are located.

Friday afternoon – A guided walking tour of the Bratislava Old Town (12th October 2018, afternoon)

There will be a free of charge guided walking tour of the Bratislava Old Town arranged for anybody interested in exploring the Bratislava city and its rich history in the middle of Europe even further. The start of the tour will be at 15:00 at the entrance of the Sheraton Hotel. An organiser

staff will be waiting there to take the interested people to the start of the tour at the “Námeste L. Štúra” square. There are two English speaking guides taking two groups the same route. The tour includes also the visit to the The St. Martin´s Cathedral.

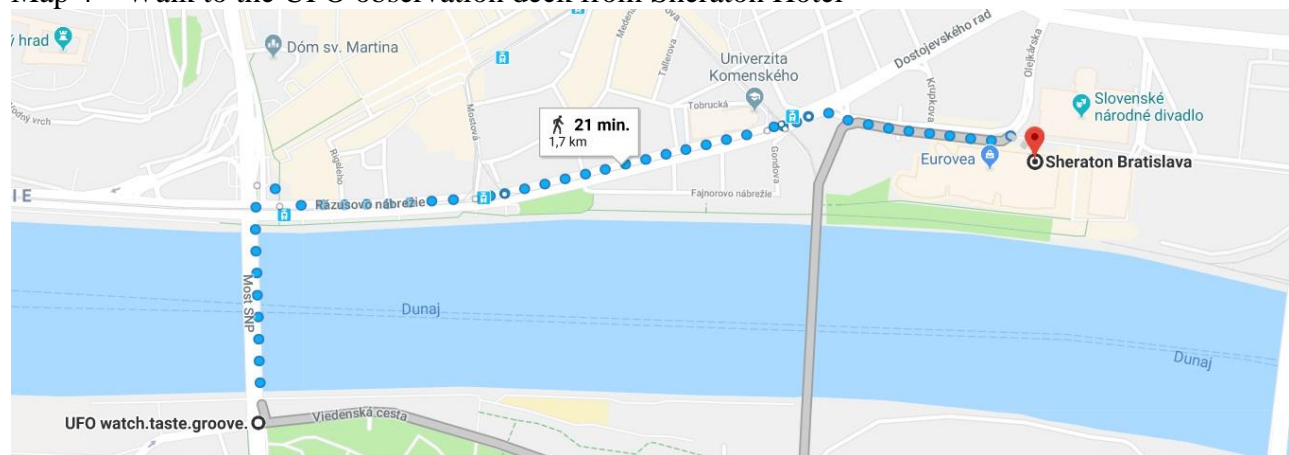
Saturday morning programme (13th October 2018, 9:30 – 12:00)

UFO observation deck

As a Saturday morning programme, you could visit the [UFO observation deck](#) with the best view of the skyline of the city from an iconic SNP bridge and while being there enjoy a coffee from a rotating restaurant at the top of the bridge. It is open daily from 10 am to 11 pm. An entrance fee to an observation deck is 7,40 €. Alternatively, you can buy a ticket for 9,90 € and be able to enjoy your view twice per day – in the morning and at night. The entrance to the observation deck is free of charge for the visitors who are consuming food from the UFO restaurant menu. You can see the menu on this website: <http://www.redmonkeygroup.com/en/menu.html> and <http://www.redmonkeygroup.com/en/liquidmenu.html>. It is not necessary to book a table in the restaurant or to book the tickets to the observation in advance.

UFO observation deck and restaurant: Address: Most SNP, Bratislava, tel. number: 00421 2 6252 0300, reception@u-f-o.sk, www.u-f-o.sk.

Map 4 – Walk to the UFO observation deck from Sheraton Hotel



For the more adventurous spirits, while you are there, you could challenge yourself with the [Skywalk](#) in the 85 meters height.

Boat trips

For those that have more time to spend we would recommend getting a little bit out of the city to see also other parts of this region. We would recommend a boat trip (however, this would require several hours) either to [Devin castle](#) (link to the provider) if you would like to enjoy more of the history of this region or [Danubiana Gallery](#) (link to the provider 1 and 2) if you are interested in a cultural experience in this museum of modern art located directly at the banks of the Danube River on the picturesque peninsula.

Bratislava - Devín castle – Bratislava

The medieval castle is a national cultural monument standing on a rock at 212 m above sea level. Currently, there is an archaeological museum. The castle is open from 10:00 to 17:00 (the last entrance is at 16:30). The ticket costs 4 € - you can buy it in front of the castle, and it is not necessary to book your entrance in advance.

During a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) a ship departs from „Fajnorovo nábrežie 2“ at 10:00 am, with arrival to Devín castle at 11:30. You have two hours of a break there and at 13:30 the ship departs back to Bratislava city. The second ship departs from Bratislava at 14:30, with the arrival to Devín castle at 16:00. You have two hours of a break there and at 18:00 the ship departs back to Bratislava city.

It is also possible to combine cruises mentioned above. You can depart from Bratislava at 10:00 am, and you can stay in the castle till 18:00 pm. The boarding starts 15 minutes before the departure of the ship.

A return ticket costs 13 € for an adult. One way ticket costs 11 € (Bratislava - Devín) or 9 € (Devín - Bratislava). If you buy a just one-way ticket, you can come back to Bratislava, or you can come from Bratislava to Devín castle by bus – line No. 29 or 129 – bus stop in Bratislava „Nové SND“ is in front of The Eurovea Galleria Shopping Centre – next to The Sheraton Hotel. The Bus stop close to The Devín castle is „Štrbská, Hrad Devín.“

There are several restaurants around the castle where you can enjoy your lunch or dinner. We recommend these restaurants: <http://www.usrncika.sk/english/>, <https://www.hradnabrana.sk/>.

Bratislava – Čilistov/Danubiana – Bratislava

This trip offers many interesting activities, above all a possibility to visit The Danubiana Art Gallery in Čunovo.

During a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) a ship departs from „Fajnorovo nábrežie 2“ at 13:00 with arrival to Čilistov at 14:15 and with arrival to Čunovo at 15:00. It is up to you whether you decide to have a break in Čilistov from 14:15 to 17:45 or whether you will continue in a cruise to Čunovo and have a break there from 15:00 till 17:00.

In Čilistov you can visit The X-bionic sphere known as a „world of sports, relaxation and innovation“, due it is a multifunctional resort. For more information about the activities offered click here: <https://www.x-bionicsphere.com/en/about-us/>

The second possibility, as I have mentioned above, is Čunovo. You can continue on the cruise to Čunovo where you can visit the Danubiana Art Gallery. (https://www.danubiana.sk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI_6O37J7v3QIVGJ7VCh3EtwrPEAAAYASAAEgJBYvD_BwE) You have a break there from 15:00 till 17:00.

A return ticket to Čunovo costs 16 €, and it includes the entrance to the Danubiana Art Gallery. The return ticket to Čilistov costs 17 € with another activity included (table tennis, mini ZOO, discount for three hours access to the Aquatic Sphere in the X Bionics area, discount on consumption at the hotel, etc.)

During the all cruises mentioned above tea, coffee, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages are offered.

You can book your ticket online here: <https://www.lod.sk/en/buy-a-ticket/>. Alternatively, it is possible to book your ticket by phone at tel. Number +421 2 529 32 224.

If you choose either the boat trips or the skywalk you would need to reserve your tickets in advance.

If you are interested in something else (Bratislava as the capital city offers a rich cultural life with many galleries, theatres, cinemas, etc.), please contact us and we will try to point you into the right direction or you can visit the [website](#) of the Bratislava Tourist Board.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Bratislava!

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