

TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS – HOW TO GET TO KOŠICE

By air:

The easiest way to get to Košice is flying via Bratislava, Prague, or Vienna. The taxi ride from the airport to the city centre costs about about 8 EUR.

By train:

From Bratislava, Prague, Budapest, Warsaw, there are IC and Express trains to Košice. You can find detailed information about current train services at www.zsr.sk in Slovak, English and German. Click on the appropriate flag and search for service to Košice (or Košice – hlavná stanica).

By coach:

From many European and Slovak cities and towns there are Eurolines and Express coaches to Košice. You can find detailed information about current coach timetables at www.ep.sk (unfortunately only in Slovak).

For your easier orientation on the site here are some basic words translated into English:

Odkiaľ – FROM
Kam – TO
Cez – VIA
Dátum – DATE
Čas – TIME
Vyhľadat – SEARCH

HOW TO MOVE AROUND KOŠICE

To the city centre: While there is a taxi rank in front of both the railway station and the bus station, walking to the centre is really quite quick and easy. The historical centre with the majority of hotels, restaurants, stores and the enchanting Main Street (HLAVNA) is only a 7 to 9 minute walk from either the railway station and the bus station. If arriving by train, go to the right-most doors of the station and take the sidewalk straight in front of you to the park. If arriving by bus, walk along the front of the train station (which will be on your right as you exit to bus terminal) to the second set of doors and turn left to take the sidewalk toward the park. There is a tourist information centre just inside the second set of doors of the train station.

As you walk, you will pass a tram stop (on your left). Continuing straight, you will cross a street (cars don't always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, so please be careful) to walk down an alley of trees and fountains through the park. You should already be able to see the cathedral tower in the distance. Once you cross a pedestrian bridge, you will enter MLYNSKA Street. As you continue straight, you will exit MLYNSKA at the Cathedral, which is actually the heart of HLAVNA Street.

Once you have reached HLAVNA, if you turn right, you should reach TESCO and the Peace Marathon Square (NAMESTIE MARATONU MIERU) in less than 5 minutes; if you turn left, you should reach Double Tree Hotel and The Liberation Square (NAMESTIE OSLOBODITELOV) in the same amount of time.

The Peace Marathon Square is easily recognised by a clearly visible statue of a marathon runner on the left side as well as by two large buildings of the East Slovak Museum (yellow and cream) located on the left and right sides of the square. The Liberation Square can be recognised by a large memorial to the soldiers of World War II.

Around the city:

The Conference Venue (**SROBAROVA**) and the city centre:

Once you have reached HLAVNA Street, which is a pedestrian mall, continue walking straight, crossing the plaza beside the Cathedral, which will be on your left. Continuing to ALZBETINA street, which faces the front of the Cathedral, proceed down the street until you reach the first traffic signal, which will be at the intersection of ALZBETINA and MOYZESOVA streets. Continuing across the street, you will find historical building on your right, which is the Rector's Office as well as the Conference Venue.

From the railway station: Take bus number 17 leaving from the bus park directly in front of the railway station park and continue for 5 bus stops. Get off the bus (the bus stop SLOVENSKÝ ROZHLAS) and continue in the same direction from which you just came. Proceed down the valley (MOYZESOVA street) towards a small intersection in the distance (cca 400m). The Conference Venue will be in its immediate distance, on your right side.

From the Peace Marathon Square (NAMESTIE MARATONU MIERU): Take bus number 17 leaving from the side of the cream building of East Slovak Museum and continue for 2 bus stops. Continue as above.

From the Liberation Square (NAMESTIE OSLOBODITELOV): Take bus number 10 leaving from the side of Double Tree Hotel and continue for only 1 bus stop. There is an alley on the same side as the bus stop, but in order to reach it, you need to start walking in the direction you just came from. The Conference Venue is situated approximately in the middle of the valley (7-minute walk from the bus stop), on the MOYZESOVA street. For more information, use our MAP.

The Hall of Residence (**POPRADESKA**) and the Conference Venue:

For travel between the Popradska Hall of Residence and the Conference Venue (MOYZESOVA), take bus number 17 leaving directly from in the front of the Residence building (you must cross the road though in order to travel in the right direction) and continue for 5 bus stops. Get off the bus and cross the road in order to enter the valley. Then proceed down the valley (MOYZESOVA street) in the opposite direction from which you just came, towards a small intersection in the distance. The Conference Venue will be in its immediate distance, on your right side.

The Hall of Residence (**POPRADESKA**) and the city centre:

For travel between the Popradska Hall of Residence and the city centre, you may take bus number 17 leaving from in front of the building (you must cross the road though in order to travel in the right direction) and get off at the Peace Marathon Square. You may also walk down the hill of HRONSKA Street which is the minor street opposite to the Residence building, and take the trams number 6 or 9 in the direction of the Peace Marathon Square (6 tram stops).

The Hall of Residence (**JEDLIKOVA**) and the city centre:

To reach the Hall of Residence on Jedlikova Street by bus from the station square (in front of the bus and train stations), take bus number 17. Get off the bus at the last stop (MIKOVINIHO). Cross over to the other bus stop and continue on the sidewalk past the concrete buildings on your right until you reach the main building.

The Hall of Residence (**MEDICKA**) and the city centre:

To reach the Hall of Residence on Medicka street by bus from the station square, take bus number 17 and continue for 7 bus stops. Get off the bus (you should be able to see a large hospital complex on your right), cross the street and enter a minor road, perpendicular to the main road. Continue walking straight for about 100-150 metres. The building is on your left.

For transport in the city you can also call a taxi at any of the following numbers:

Lucky taxi 055/6330000

Avanti taxi 055/16886

Classic taxi 055/16880

Radio taxi 055/16333

Yellow taxi 055/16000

Beware of pickpockets when on buses/trolleybuses and at the bus stops near the Double Tree Hotel as they are very frequent downtown.

Note that buses, trolleybuses and trams all require tickets which can be purchased from machines (exact change required) at Station Square and near Double Tree Hilton Hotel and from various magazine kiosks. Cost is 0,55 UER per 30-minute ride (changing allowed) or 0,40 EUR per 10 minute ride (or maximum 4 stops, yet without any changing). A 24-hour ticket is available for 2,95 EUR and a 7-day pass for 9,25 EUR.