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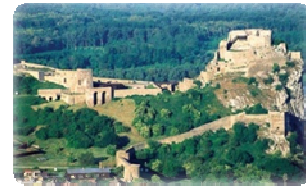
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| 1. | <u>(Devín and Red Stone Castle)</u> | <u>Castles</u> |
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Devín Castle

Ranks among the most significant historical sites in central Europe. It is situated by the ancient Danubian forts on the crossroads of the important ancient European trade routes. It has become strategically important site mainly due to its attractive location on the rock over the Danube and Morava River. It is one of the Slovakia's key historical icons. Devin Castle was depicted on Slovak money and postage stamps, and the word "Devin" is in some way a synonym for things eminently Slovak.

The charming ruins of the Devin Castle are at the present a popular place for afternoon walks of the inhabitants of Bratislava, especially for its commanding view of the confluence of two significant rivers that form part of the country's borders, the Danube and the Morava. The most popular cruise to the ruins of the Devín Castle, and to the confluence of the Danube and the Moravia rivers is by both. For more information, please contact the reception.



Hrad Červený Kameň (The Red Stone Castle)

A preserved huge castle is situated in the Small Carpathian Mountains.

Originally, the king castle from the half of 13th century functioned as part of a fortified castle line on the west border of Austria. In the 16th century the owner's started a wide transformation of the castle into a fortress with large basement rooms that were to function as storehouses for goods transported to the west Europe.

However, the castle never fulfilled its function. Since the end of 16th till 1945 it was owned by the Palffy family. They rebuilt it and transformed it into a Renaissance-Baroque palace full of magnificent interiors. Nowadays you can see well-preserved interiors full of stuccos covered with sculpted apotheoses and scenes from mythology as well as a well equipped the Terrena chamber from the year 1656. Since 1970 the castle has been the National Cultural Monument.



2.

ZOO and

Botanical garden Bratislava

If you want to spent a nice time in the nature, you have to go little bit outside of the downtown to **Bratislava ZOO**(direction - Malacky). There are new inhabitants in the big cat house - at the end of 2010, two beautiful, healthy and viable American jaguar cubs (*Panthera onca*) were born here.

Tyrannosaurus, Stegosaurus, Diplodocus and many other reptiles from the Mesozoic era create an exceptional exposition on a 3 ha area. In a woodland environment, there are placed several live sized dinosaur models equipped with a sound system, some of them are even to be seen in motion. Each model is controlled by its own computer and powered by an air power technology.



The **Botanical Garden** of Comenius University in Bratislava was the first of its kind opened in Slovakia. It is one of the favourite places of relaxation for inhabitants and visitors of our Capital .

The Botanical Garden was founded at the beginning of the 1950s. It was one from the first of its kind. The present-day botanical garden, which is located in Bratislava's borough of Karlova Ves near the Danube, covers an area of approximately 7.5 hectares.

The garden is the home of around 5,000 plant species, especially from exotic areas. Its most beautiful parts include a rose garden that covers half a hectare and features, most importantly, up to 150 hybrid rose varieties.



3. Elesko wine park

In April 2007, ELESKO began construction of a winery complex in the Malý Trávník area in the cadastre of the municipality of Modra. This unique building is a winemaking plant in a modern architectural style that provides interesting opportunities for visitors to take part in marketing and cultural and social activities. The design of the winemaking systems combines the latest oenological advances with traditional techniques for maturing wine in barriques and oak barrels. Visitors to the winery can follow a "learning trail" about winemaking. By following a glass corridor through the plant, every visitor can see all the processes involved in winemaking and at the end of the trail sample the wine in one of the tasting rooms. They can also visit the restaurant, the modern art gallery, buy the products in wine shop or relax in the picnic garden.



4.

Golf Jelka

Practice field Golf Jelka is about 25 km East from Bratislava. You can find here a stylish club house, 300m driving range putting green, pitching greens with sand trap and grass bunkers and almost 10 000sqm of short play practice field.



5.

Senec

Aquapark

Aquapark is Senec, which is a city 20 minutes from Bratislava by car. Colosseum of unbridled fun of all ages, swimmers, non-swimmers and lovers of sun. All year round, it attracts with its 28-38 °C borehole water in 6 different pools. Pools of water park can not miss the craziest water attractions – slides, toboggans, water jets, counters-flows, water umbrella and many others.



6.

Antique

Gerulata Rusovce

Gerulata was a Roman military camp and settlement, in which they lived, soldiers and civilians from the second half of the first century to the end of the 4th century. Settlements archaeologists excavated the remains now form the museum in Bratislava district Rusovce (museum is open in the summer and we can find a branch in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene).



7. Čuňovo and Danubiana Meulensteen Art Centre

On the 9th September 2000, less than 15 kilometres south of the centre of Bratislava, on the edge of a peninsula where the mighty Danube flows, the opening of one of the youngest museums of modern art in Europe - Danubiana - took place. The River Danube has lent the museum its name and the rest is the result of the enthusiasm and initiative of the Slovak gallery owner Dr. Vincent Polakovič and the financial resources of the Dutch collector and art patron Gerard H. Meulensteen.

The framework of its impressive architecture is formed by its unusual location on the borders of three neighbouring countries, Slovakia, Austria and Hungary, but above all by the superb contrast of the wide expanse of water, open air and the endless banks of a dam. This architecture evokes the shape of a Roman galley bound in the shallows of a river and its diversity provides the opportunity to put on a wide variety of exhibitions.

