

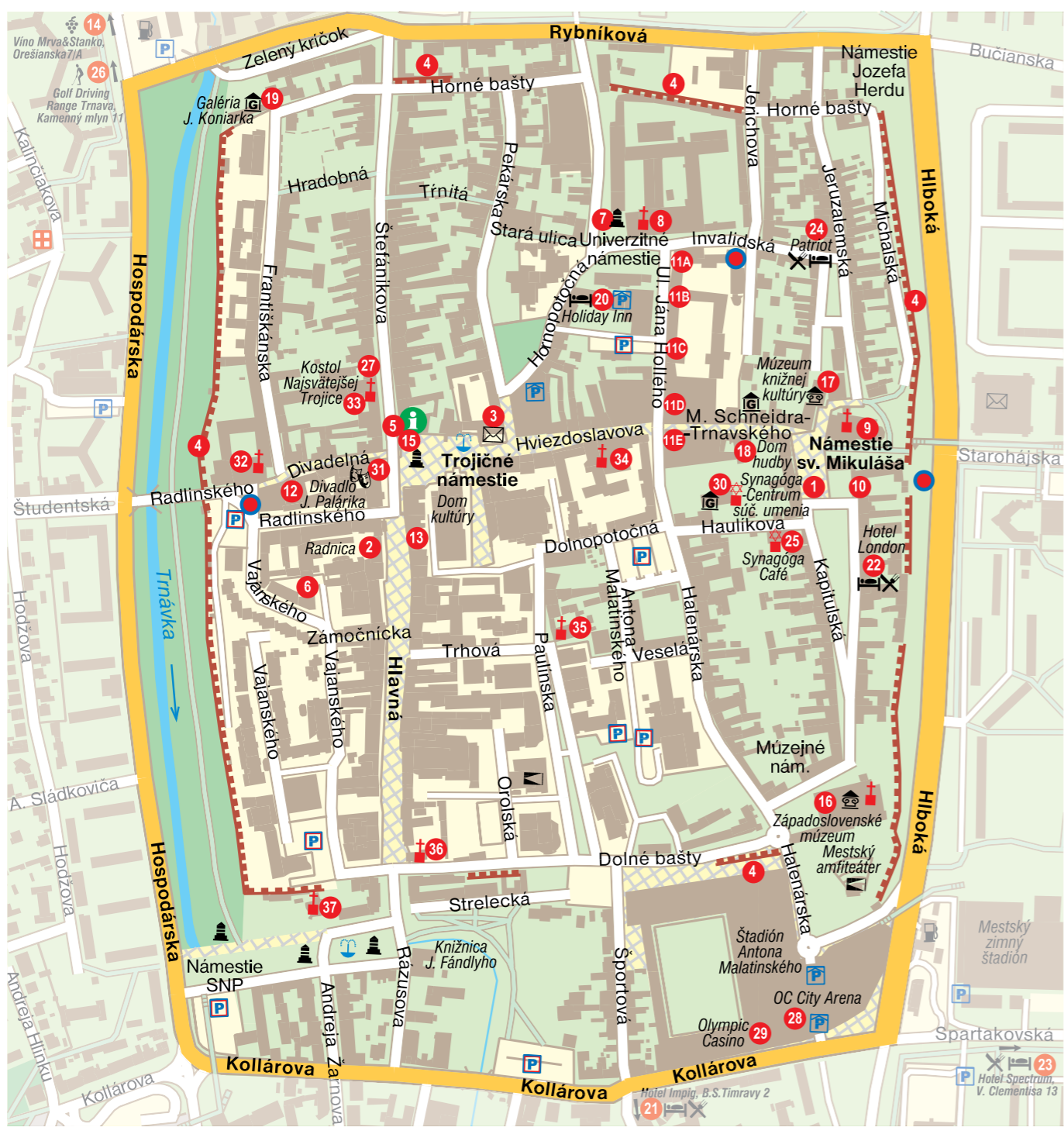
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Discover the historical parts of ancient Trnava! Let us guide you through the streets. We have selected for you the most beautiful ones: *Františkánska, Divadelná, Horné Bašty, Trnitá, Hornopotočná, Hviezdoslavova, J.Hollého, Invalidská, Haulíková, Jeruzalemská, Michalská, Kapitulská.*

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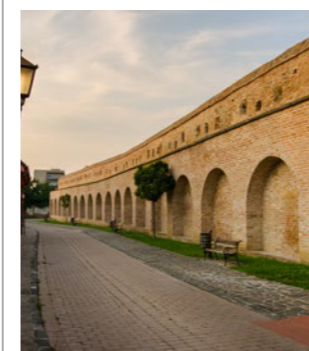
Antique Street of Mikuláš Schneider-Trnavský leading to the St. Nicolas Basilica

TOURIST MINIGUIDE

TRNAVA

Accept the invitation to the town that many tourist guides are describing as one of the most beautiful in Slovakia. The atmosphere of one of the most important medieval Hungarian towns is still breathing there. No wonder. The university made this town well known, "Little Rome" was visited by the kings, and wine craft left here an underground "town beneath the town". Step into the world of small miracles - you will not regret it, for sure!

MEDIEVAL TOWN



Michalská street leading along preserved town walls

5 Town Tower

Urban observatory deck of the tower is a popular tourist attraction. In good weather you are able to see the foothills of the Malé Karpaty. The 57 metres high tower was built in the 16th century as an observatory. Since 1729 there has been functional clockwork. For more than 100 years, without interruption, old Nemček family has been taking care about it. At the top of the tower we can find gilded statue of Immaculaty. Its speciality is front and back side face. It means that Virgin Mary will never turn her back to Trnava.

6 The West Wing of Hall

The Magnet of Trnava's pedestrian zone is the Town Hall. It preserved in the form of a complex of several buildings in different styles. The oldest part, the medieval Town Hall with Gothic cellars from the 14th century is located in the west wing in the courtyard of Town Hall. In executioner's house which was built later, and then used as baroque three-floor dungeon, we can still see wall drawings and inscriptions of prisoners in the original cells.

4 Town Fortification

The town walls are a typical symbol that was protecting one of the largest medieval towns in past. Three kilometres walls were bordering the city of area 800 x 700m. For its construction from the 13th century, in the range of one hundred years, were used more than 4.3 million bricks. Nowadays, they are ones of the best preserved town walls in Slovakia. Part of the walls, in some places ten meters high, were four city gates and thirty-five towers.

SLOVAK ROME

7 Little Rome

Thirteen churches, including 8 in the historical centre of the town, are the Slovak rarity. Thanks to silhouette formed by the towers of many churches Trnava has reached (since ancient times) its nickname "Little Rome". Not only sacral monuments entitle the town to compare itself to the centre of Catholicism. Based on past, the town was considered as the religious centre of Hungary - it was the seat of Archbishop of Esztergom with his chapter. Symbolically in 2003 "Little Rome" became for a while the "Big Rome" because of visit of Pope John Paul II.

9 St. Nicolas Basilica

Walking through Trnava you definitely notice "Gross Church" in the Square of St. Nicholas. Church with two towers was built in 1380 on the site of the original Romanesque church. The interior and exterior of the temple will fascinate you with its Gothic magnificence and Baroque elements. Part of the marvellous Baroque chapel from the 18th century is miraculous - merciful watery image of Virgin Mary of Trnava. Artistic masterpieces are also two still working historic organs. The basilica is one of the Marian pilgrimage site.



The impressive Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

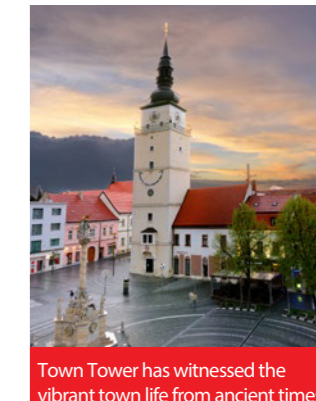
8 The University Church

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist or the "university" church, is the first early Baroque building in Slovakia. This beautiful building was built in 17th century by Italian architects Pietro and Antonio Spazzo and financed by Palatine Nicholas Esterhazy. Its construction is considered as the beginning of "Trnava Baroque". Inside awaits a jewel - all-wooden altar from 1640. With high more than 20 metres it is one of the highest early Baroque altar in Europe.

TRADE CROSSROAD

1 Via Bohemica

Trade and crafts have dominated in Trnava since ever. In past, the Europe was crossed by prominent merchants and traders, who did not miss an attractive market settlement in a place, today known as a calm Square of St. Nicholas. Right here, in the oldest place in Trnava, old trade routes were crossing. It includes also the important Czech road - Via Bohemica, which connected Hungary with Western Europe. Now, the square belongs to the most glamorous parts of ancient Trnava.



Town Tower has witnessed the vibrant town life from ancient times.

2 Royal Town

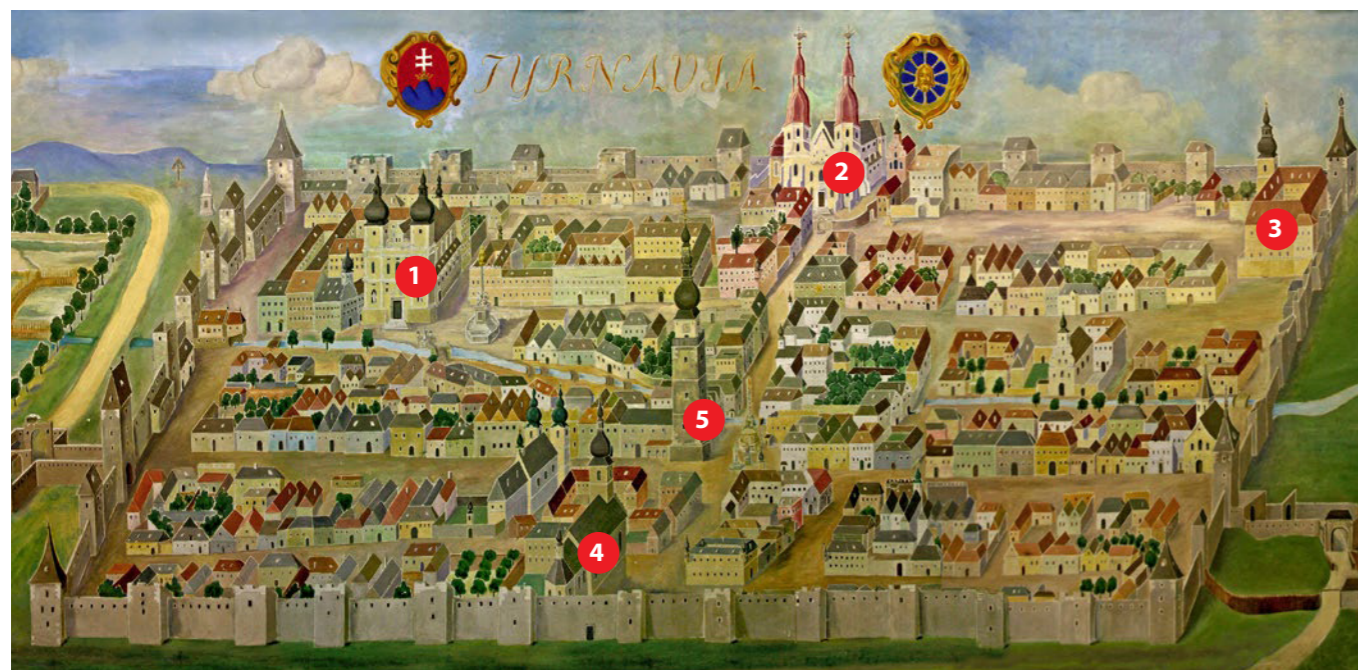
Since 1238, Trnava proudly carries a title free royal town (the first one in Slovakia). The town privileges were granted by Hungarian king Belo IV. On the basis of that, the town reached the status of an important commercial and wine trade centre. Since then, citizens of Trnava have had the right to elect their own government, organize markets, fairs, to use the coat-of-arms and seal, and even to employ their own executioner.

3 Meetings of the Kings

Did you know that in 13th century Trnava has already belonged to the biggest, most important and richest towns in Hungary? At the same time it became a favourite meeting place for several kings. King Ludwig I., known as a "knight of virtue" liked it so much that he chose it as his final "resting place". He died in the royal curia - in a building that stood on the site of today's main post office.



FOLD INTO A MINIGUIDE



Trnava has more than 50 Vedutas.

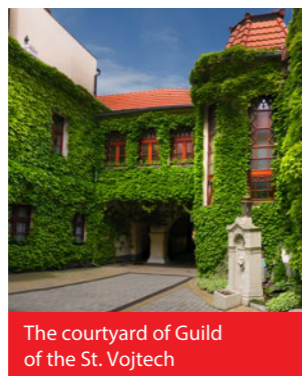
Veduta is an extremely valuable historical source - artistic interpretation of panoramic town image. The displayed veduta from the 18th century is one of the most beautiful.

- 1 Cathedral of St. John the Baptist ("University Church")
- 2 St. Nicolas Basilica ("Gross Church")
- 3 Poor Clares (Museum of Western Slovakia)
- 4 St. Jacob's Church ("Franciscan Church")
- 5 Town Tower

UNIVERSITY OF TRNAVA

10 Archbishopric

Trnava has gone through different periods. Importance of the town grew especially after 1543. In fear of the Turkish threat, the Archbishop of Esztergom with the chapter was moved there. For almost three hundred years the town became the centre of Hungarian Catholicism. From this point it was only one step to development of education, art and architecture. For nearly 150 years the town became also the educational centre of the whole Hungary.



The courtyard of Guild of the St. Vojtech

11 University of Trnava

Students and Trnava - verified combination since 1635. It started with the founding of the University of Trnava by Cardinal Peter Pázmány. The first faculties were theological and philosophical, later were added law and medical. Contemporary records indicate that students sometimes made from Trnava arena and "boil" the atmosphere in a famous Trnava municipality. It began with small fight and in the evening the whole town was fighting. Discover the magic of buildings of university seminars and monastery buildings in Holly Street which are next to each other.

12 Printer

Today, we can hardly imagine what combination the university had. For the needs of students there were established a vast library, pharmacy, theatre hall, laboratories and even a botanical garden. Astronomical observatory was designed and managed by a leading mathematician and astronomer of European importance - Maximilian Hell. During its existence university printer published more than 5,000 titles in twelve languages. Since 1870 ecclesiastical Guild of St. Vojtech has maintained book culture in the town.

FAMOUS WINE HISTORY

13 Wine Town

Wine in Trnava was almost "everything" in past and the income from it filled up the town treasury for centuries. Medieval Trnava was one of the largest wine-producing centres in Hungary. Some of Trnava wine cellars had two floors and wine in them was transported by chariots. In the 19th century, Trnava became famous because of Anton Valc - big wine salesman. In his cellar he reportedly placed the largest barrel in the world. 32 steps led to the barrel platform and six pairs of feasters could dance on it at once.



Barrel cellar of Víno Mrva&Stanko

14 Víno Mrva&Stanko

The tradition of winemaking in the town is still continuing. In 1997, two friends founded the winery. From the beginning they set out to produce wines of the highest quality. The plan was managed. The winery is one of the best in Slovakia and achievements have been reached also in the world wine competitions. In 2013, after success in 2010, Víno Mrva & Stanko again became a "Winery of the Year". To wine lovers we recommend arranging a tour and wine tasting, which will undoubtedly be a great experience.

15 Wine Tours

TIRNAVIA - the world's wine region. The slogan from 2013, covers an offer of travel experiences with focusing on wine in Trnava and its surroundings. In spring and autumn season we organize half-day wine tours to two wineries. An interesting combination, for example Vineyards Mrva & Stanko and Terra Parna in a nearby village Suchá nad Parnou. "Regions of the world's wine" is not random attribute. Several wineries from Trnava and its surroundings regularly receive the highest medal awards at home and abroad.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

16 Museum of Western Slovakia

The oldest monastic complex in Trnava is the Poor Clares' Church from the 13th century. Today it is a place of Museum of Western Slovakia in Trnava. One of the largest museums in Slovakia - an exhibition consists from more than 160 000 items. We recommend a unique collection of church bells - the oldest one is dating to 15th century. Collection of fine arts or exhibition of folk art and crafts are also catching.

18 The House of Music and "Dobro"

At this place, music sounded in past and sounds till today. In Trnava, there also lived and worked composer Nicholas Schneider-Trnavský. Nowadays, there is a memorial room set up in his office. On the ground floor you can find an exhibition devoted to rezophonic guitar "Dobro" invented by John Dopyer. After constructing this guitar he moved with his parents from Trnava region to America in 1908. In the USA, they even have considered this music instrument as an American folk instrument.

17 Oláh Seminary

The exposition focused on book culture you can find in the former Oláh seminary. It's named after Archbishop of Esztergom the Nicholas Oláh, who established there a theological seminary in the 16th century. When talking about books Trnava has its own literary speciality. Native, Ján Sambucus, polymath, physician, imperial librarian, whose name knew the whole Europe in the 16th century, wrote poems, which were inspiration for 11th William Shakespeare's works.

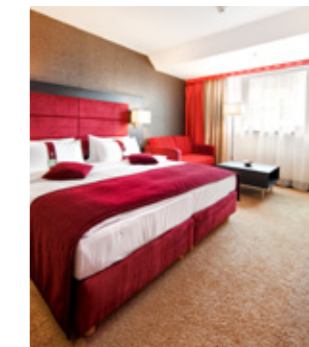
19 Gallery of J. Koniarek

There is an established gallery in the villa of a former Jewish landowner Ignatius Koppla since 1992. It bears the name of John Koniarek, the founder of modern Slovak sculpture. In addition to exhibitions of contemporary art the gallery is place of the permanent exhibition of the statues of John Koniarek, place of Slovak art of 20th century and the gallery of portraits. Part of the gallery is also situated in Synagogue Status Quo Ante that thanks to the partial restoration received special atmosphere.

TIPS FOR ACCOMODATION

20 Hotel Holiday Inn****

The hotel, located in the historical centre of Trnava, changes your ordinary stay to a great experience. In the luxuriously furnished rooms you will feel comfortable, in the Culinaria restaurant you can enjoy meals of international and Slovak cuisine. Currently it is "in charge" by El Ami Gami chef with a Michelin practice. In the wellness centre you will find relax compounded by looking at centenarian oak. Wine cellar Gardenia will offer you Slovak and world wines.



Comfortable accommodation at the Holiday Inn ****

21 Hotel Impiq****

The advantage of the business hotel is not only quiet location but also modern architecture and intimacy of comfortable rooms. For excellent transport accessibility, distance to downtown and quality of services it is a great choice not only for business travellers but also for tourists.

22 Hotel London***

Hotel London offers more than just quality services and comfortable accommodation. It is situated in the oldest street of Trnava, which is also one of the quietest and most romantic locations in the centre. Not only comfortable accommodation will please you but also that the most important monuments are only a few meters away.

23 Hotel Spectrum***

The hotel offers comfortable accommodation near the town centre. Its main domain is the great availability and background ideal for a wide range of guests, including families with children. Staying at the hotel will be more pleasant with a view of the city.

24 Pension Patriot***

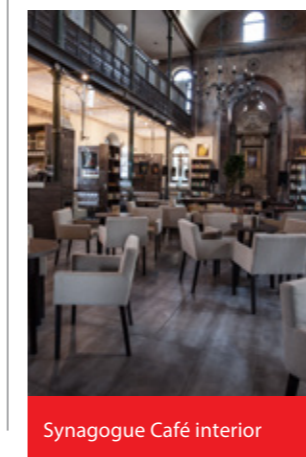
CULINARY EXPERIENCES

24 Restaurant Patriot

You can find optimal mix of excellent cuisine, pleasant environment and quality service in the restaurant Patriot which is just a few meters away from the Basilica of St. Nicholas. Internationally oriented menu of cuisine will delight every gourmet. It includes an imaginative seasonal menu. Culinary experience definitely multiply diverse selection of favourite Slovak wines and foreign producers.



Culinary delights in the restaurant Patriot



Synagogue Café interior

25 Synagogue Café

Café based in the former orthodox synagogue is a Slovak unique. Impressive space, offering sophisticated details, not only in terms of incomparable architecture but also fine art, all supplemented by first-class coffee and tasty specialties. Orthodox synagogue has undergone extensive renovations and in 2010 it was awarded as "The most beautiful renovated sacral building in Slovakia". Stylishness of café highlights the unique atmosphere of space.

VARIOUS

26 Golf Training

Maybe Trnava will attract you to your first attempt with golf. Driving Range area, located in town relax zone Kamenný mlyn, 2 km from the centre, represents the golf training centre. Of course there is an offer of training under the supervision of professional coaches.

27 Apimed Mead

Visit the store of Apimed mead in Štefánikova street, where you can buy not only various types of mead, honey and bee products, but also "the best mead in the world" in 2015 - the mead barrique.

28 City Aréna

Modern football stadium of the European dimension, this is the new Trnava stadium of Anton Malatinský. It offers a quality football cultural experience. Part of the most beautiful stadium in Slovakia is also a shopping centre.

29 Night Life

Try to look at nightlife in a little bit another way! Take an unconventional journey to roulette, poker and night atmosphere of the casino Olympic. For the entertainment in the style of James Bond you get chips "for the first time in the casino" for free.

TOP TIP

Learn about historical places of famous town during your stay with the stories of our tourist guides. If you want to be in shoes of real Trnava townsman, **you can take historical costumes to a thematic or classical tour.**

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We are looking forward to you! In TIRNAVIA - region of the world wines!