Country Profile: Slovak Republic

The Slovak Republic is a rapidly developing European nation. Tourist facilities are not as developed as those found in Western Europe, particularly outside the major cities, and some goods and services taken for granted in other European countries are occasionally unavailable. Read the Department of State <u>Background Notes</u> on the Slovak Republic for additional information.

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW	
Country Name:	Slovak Republic
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Bratislava
Boundary Countries:	Austria 91 km, Czech Republic 197 km, Hungary 676 km, Poland 420 km, Ukraine 90 km.
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	None at this time
Main Cities:	Bratislava, Martin, Poprad, Presov, Nitra, Tmava, Komamo, Zilina
Country Size:	48,845 sq km
Population:	5,439,448

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Slovak (official) 83.9%, Hungarian 10.7%, Roma 1.8%, Ukrainian 1%, other or unspecified 2.6%.	
Currency:	Slovak Koruna (SKK)	
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 68.9%, Protestant 10.8%, Greek Catholic 4.1%, other or unspecified 3.2%, none 13%	
National Holidays:	Constitution Day, 1 September (1992)	
Economic Status:	The Slovak Republic is a rapidly developing European nation, and some goods and services taken for granted in other European countries are occasionally unavailable. Slovakia has mastered much of the difficult transition from a centrally planned economy to a modern market economy.	
Security:	Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic (Ozbrojene Sily Slovenskej Republiky): Land Forces (Pozemne Sily), Air Forces (Vzdusne Sily), Training and Support Forces (Vycviku a Podpory Sily).	
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy Bratislava 814 99 Bratislava Slovak Republic Phone: +421-2-5443 3338	
Major Airports:	Airports: 36, Airports w/paved runways: 18	

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