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1. Geographical location

Situated in central Europe in the south-west part of Slovakia, Bratislava straddles the banks of the Danube River. Covering an area of 367.584 square kilometers, the city is at an elevation of 134m. The Little Carpathians, a part of the Carpathian Mountains, is located in the city territory. The highest point in the city is Devinska Kobyla, peak of the Little Carpathians at 514m above sea level. The lowest point is located at the River Danube's surface at 126m.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Bratislava Borders Austria And Hungary And Is Closer To The Cities In These Countries Than To The Slovakian Cities. Vienna, The Capital Of Austria, Is 62km Away While Budapest, The Hungarian Capital Lies At A Distance Of 196km. Czech Republic Is Another Neighbouring Country Of Slovakia That Is Closer To Bratislava, And Prague, Its Capital City, Is 324km Away From Bratislava. The Nearest Slovakian Cities Are Trnava (59km) And Nitra (97km).



3. Significance

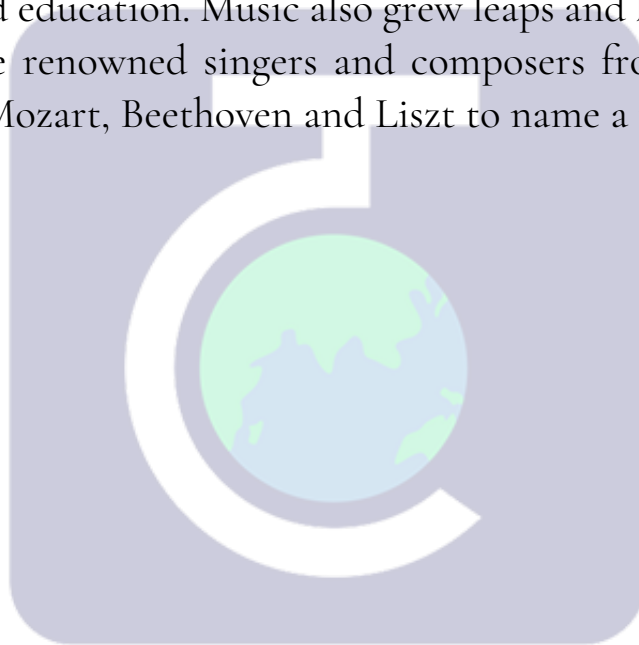
The modern city of Bratislava is a cultural center and river port. The city was first called as "Wrotizlava". It was a seat of newly installed bishopric of the Congress of Gniezno. There are various points of interests across the entire city that includes the oldest part of the city, Ostrów Tumski. The Main Market Square, Wroclaw Cathedral and the Old Town Hall have brought the fame of the city to a completely another level. There are a number of shopping malls bringing the city to the list of best shopping destinations of the entire country.



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4. History

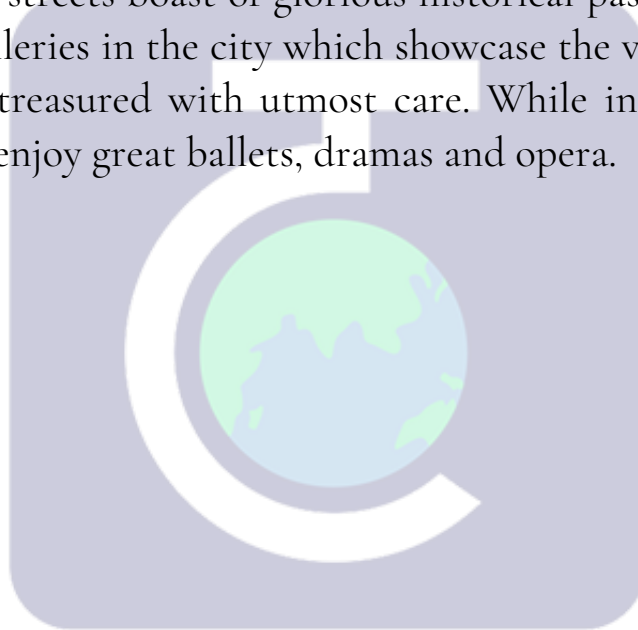
Bratislava got its official name in 1919 but before that it was known as Pressburg in Austria and as Pozsony in Hungary and had a very diverse population. The city has been inhabited since prehistoric times and had several emigrants ruling it from time to time, whether Roman, Slav or Hungarians. The First University in Bratislava was founded by King Matthias Corvisin 1465 making it an important place for learning and education. Music also grew leaps and bounds with frequent visits by some of the renowned singers and composers from different parts of Europe like Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven and Liszt to name a few.



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5. Cultural identity

Experience outstanding performances, music and dance in Bratislava, where art and culture are deeply rooted in its rich heritage. The culture of the place displays traits of Celts, Romans and Hungarian who mostly came as conquerors but soon became an integral part of the local population. There are remnants of settlement related to Celtic people, Roman military camps and unique crowning ceremonies. The monuments and streets boast of glorious historical past. There are about 50 museums and art Galleries in the city which showcase the valuable remains from past and have been treasured with utmost care. While in Bratislava, also visit theatres and halls to enjoy great ballets, dramas and opera.



Index**6. Natural resources**

It has a rich reserve of natural resources and that includes lignite, small amounts of iron ore, copper and manganese ore and salt. It also has abundant of agricultural arable land and a large species of flora and fauna.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Devín Castle**

A structure that can be found on postage stamps and money, the Devin Castle stands for the name 'Devin' which means eminent things in Slovak. The castle touches each part of the city's history. The tiny watchtower, also known as Maiden Tower, is one of the most interesting parts of the castle. There is also a 4th-century Christian chapel, a statue of a woman in white and a zoo.

Address : Muránská, 841 10 Devín, Slovakia

Zipcode : 841 10

Location : 48.1732491, 16.9794269

Contact : +421 2/657 301 05

Website :

http://www.muzeum.bratislava.sk/vismo/dokumenty2.asp?id_org=700015&id=1018

Nearest Public Transport : Hrad Devín Bus Station

Entry Fee : Full admission: €4 Specials (children, students, pensioners): €2 Family ticket (2 adults and children under the age of 14 years): €8 School groups (minimum 10 persons per group): €1.30 per person

Open & Close Timing : November to March: Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs April and October: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs May to September: Tuesday to Friday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Bratislava Castle

The location and the size of the Bratislava Castle have made it one of the most visited attractions of the city. Standing at a pronounced hilltop, the pre-Romanesque structure was settled in the 9th century. Known as Sigismund's Castle, there are various events organized here amid the castle's beautiful architecture.

Address : 811 06 Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 06

Location : 48.1421086, 17.1002347999999

Contact : +421 2/544 114 44

Website : <http://www.bratislava-hrad.sk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Zámocká Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: €6 Reduced: €3

Open & Close Timing : 1st April to 16th November: Tuesday to Sunday:
10:00hrs-18:00hrs 17th November to 31st March: Tuesday to Sunday:
09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Primatial Palace

One of the most prominent and stunning buildings in the city, the Primate's Palace, was established in the 18th century. The Habsburg Royalty is beautifully reflected from this structure. The arras and the chandeliers bring out the best of the remarkable history of the place. You will find statues of different historians at the top of the palace along with the collection of 17th century English tapestries.

Address : Primaciálne námestie 494/2, 811 01 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 01

Location : 48.1439306, 17.1096552999999

Contact : +42107-5443-5151

Nearest Public Transport : Jesenského Light Railway Station

Entry Fee : €3 per person

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Bratislava City Museum

Learning about military weapons, history of the city, clocks, and winemaking has never been so interesting! Structured in 1868, the Bratislava City Museum covers a large collection of crafts, trade, education, art, culture and socio-political events

and exhibitions. The antique clocks that take you back to the 17th until the 19th century, whereas the roof of Michael's Tower is beautifully colored in green copper, making this attraction one of the most spectacular places to visit.

Address : Radnicna ul 1, Bratislava 815 18, Slovakia

Zipcode : 815 18

Location : 48.1452439, 17.1067665

Contact : +421 2/592 051 12

Website : <http://www.muzeum.bratislava.sk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kapucínska Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : €1.30

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 11:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Bratislavská zoologická záhrada

Covering an area of 96 hectares, Bratislava Zoo has over 175 animal species and over 900 specimens such as terrarium animals, gnawers, apes, beasts and hoofed mammals. The beautiful and vivid pavilions are housed in the gardens. Different educational programs are held here for children's amusement.

Address : Mlynská dolina, 842 27 Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 842 27

Location : 48.1566882, 17.0757065

Contact : +421 2/601 021 11

Website : <http://www.zoobratislava.sk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Televízia Bus Station

Entry Fee : Summer: Adults: €5 Children (3 to 15 years): €3.50 Winter: Adults: €4 Children (3 to 15 years): €3

Open & Close Timing : Summer: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs October and March: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Winter: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Old Town Hall

Established as the complex of buildings, the Old Town Hall is built in the 14th century. You should visit the Museum of City History that gives you the beautiful round view of the Town Hall. Along with which you can have a look at the colorful structures of Roland's Fountain the Main Square. The Hall is constructed in a beautiful neo-Gothic style that gives you the fascinating look of the architecture imbibed then.

Address : Hlavné námestie 501/I, 811 01 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 01

Location : 48.1437506, 17.1088337999999

Contact : +421 2 591 008 47

Nearest Public Transport : Jesenského Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Full: €5 Reduced (children, students, pensioners): €2 Family ticket (two adults and children under 14 years): €10 School groups (minimum 10): €1.30 per person

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Children's Museum

One of the most interesting places for young minds, Children's Museum is built to display various interactive exhibitions and activities. There is a science laboratory along with a wide of books to read. The interesting programs include Heroes of Everyday Life and Wisely Save and Spend. The museum provides an opportunity for kids to grasp knowledge in a completely unusual but interesting way.

Address : Vajanského nábrežie 2, 813 31 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 813 31

Location : 48.1403302, 17.1139822

Contact : +421 2/204 691 60

Website : <http://www.detskemuzeum.sk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Nám. L. Štúra Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults (15 to 79 years): €2 Students of the School: €2 COMBINED

TICKET: CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TRS-TRS Children under 6 years: €3
Children over 6 years: €5 Adults: €4 Seniors: €2 Family ticket (1 adult + 2 children): €11 Family ticket (2 adults + 3 children): €17

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Slovak National Theatre

The Slovak National Theatre is known to enhance and pronounce the creative culture of the city. Exposing the visitors with more than 100 artistic seasons, there are 3 main ensembles here – opera, drama and ballet. The first performance took place in the year 1920.

Address : Pribinova 17, 819 01 Bratislava-Staré Mesto-Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 819 01

Location : 48.14109999999999, 17.1234038

Contact : +421 2/204 722 89

Website : <http://www.snd.sk/?home>

Nearest Public Transport : Landererova Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : New Building: Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-19:00hrs
Saturday and Sunday: 09:00hrs-12:00hrs and 14:00hrs-19:00hrs Historical Building:
Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-19:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 09:00hrs-12:00hrs and
14:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Michael's Gate

Deemed to be the main entrance to the city of Bratislava, the Michael's Gate leads you to a number of exclusive shops, restaurants, and cafés. Built in the 17th century, the small pedestrian bridge takes you through a range of musicians and people selling different souvenirs. There are 2 rings of city walls, a Barbican, 2 bastions and a falling bridge to view. Although the city walls could not survive, you can still enjoy watching the Barbican.

Address : Michalská 806/24, 811 03 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 03

Location : 48.145103, 17.1068523

Contact : +421 2/544 330 44

Nearest Public Transport : Kapucínska Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. The Blue Church

Also known as the Blue Church, the Church of St. Elisabeth is a Hungarian Secessionist. It derives its name from the light blue color of the façade, blue-gazed roof, majolicas and mosaics. The altarpieces of the church are richly decorated and the illustration of St. Elisabeth is seen offering help to the poor. The enriching history and culture of the city are depicted from the beautiful architecture.

Address : Bezručova, 811 09 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 09

Location : 48.1433849999999, 17.1169529999999

Contact : +421 2/527 335 72

Website : <http://www.modrykostol.fara.sk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kamenné nám. Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 14:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. St. Martin's Cathedral

One of the oldest and the largest churches in the city, St. Martin's Cathedral dominates the skyline of Bratislava. The Kingdom of Hungary was coronated during the period from 1563 to 1830. The crucifix of the architecture tours you through the Gothic tradition the city followed. You can enjoy the picturesque remains of the structures surrounding the cathedral. There are organized tours are for 2.5 EUR. However, the entry is free.

Address : Rudnayovo námestie 1, 811 01 Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 01

Location : 48.1420007, 17.1050149999999

Contact : +421/02/544 313 59

Website : <http://dom.fara.sk/index.php/sk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bratislava Novy Most Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 14:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Slavín War Memorial

A military cemetery and a memorial monument, Slavín is home to many burials of soldiers of the Soviet Army who lost their lives liberating the city during the World War II. The beautiful view of the city can be profoundly seen from the top of the castle which is known as the National Cultural Monument. The names of the soldiers are written in Russian over their tombs. Established between the years 1957 and 1960, the place is named as the National Cultural Monument.

Address : Pažického, 811 04 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 04

Location : 48.1538784, 17.0997196

Nearest Public Transport : Búdková Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Man at Work - Čumil

A unique bronze statue, the Man at Work (Čumil) is the statue of a man that is known to be a watcher. The statue gives a life-like appearance and is valued for its sheer creativity. Thronged by tourists and locals, this statue adds a modern touch to the historical center and is an eye-catching marvel. Don't forget to take a picture with this statue if you are in Bratislava.

Address : Panska 1, 811 01 Bratislava-Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 01

Location : 48.1428264, 17.1088658999999

Nearest Public Transport : Jesenského Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Maximilian's Fountain

The establishment of the fountain was ordered by the king of Royal Hungary, Maximilian II, in 1572 with the main intention to provide enough water supply to

the city. The statue of the knight right in the middle of the tank characterizes the cavalier Roland. You can find the statue facing towards the Town Hall. Once a year it is believed that the statue bows in the same direction.

Address : Hlavné námestie, 811 01 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 01

Location : 48.1433606, 17.1080959999999

Nearest Public Transport : Jesenského Light Rail station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Slovak National Gallery

A network of galleries, Slovak National Gallery was structured in the year 1949. It is known to be the largest place to acquire and display the Baroque art collections of the history. You will be amazed to see the beautiful collections of European artworks here.

Address : Námestie Ľudovíta Štúra, 811 02 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 02

Location : 48.1401621, 17.10932

Contact : +421 2/204 762 38

Website : <http://www.sng.sk/sk>

Nearest Public Transport : Nám. Ľ. Štúra Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Wednesday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday: 12:00hrs-20:00hrs Friday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Franciscan Church

The oldest religious and the existing building in the city, the Franciscan Church was constructed in 1297. The church formerly served the townspeople for larger gatherings. The Gothic architecture of the church is considered to be one of the finest structures across the whole of Bratislava being witness to a number of historical events of the city.

Address : 811 01 Old Town, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 01

Location : 48.1448697, 17.1081421999999

Nearest Public Transport : Kapucínska Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:30hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Sad Janka Kráľa

Known as the first park designed for the visitors and the locals of the city, the park is decorated in unique Baroque Classicism with trees planted across the eight-leg star. There is a Gothic-styled statue of Janko Kral in the park which is known as an important landmark of the place. You can find a range of different plant species such as mackintosh orange, Ginkgo biloba, dawn redwood and much more.

Address : 851 01 Petržalka, Slovakia

Zipcode : 851 01

Location : 48.1349326, 17.1094339

Contact : +421 2/593 561 11

Nearest Public Transport : Sad Janka Kráľa Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Botanical Garden of the Comenius University

The only botanical garden in the city, Botanical Garden of the Comenius University covers an area of over 7 hectares including more than 4,000 plant species which further includes 1,200 cacti species. A few of the species include palm trees, cactuses, tropical greenhouses, subtropical plants and fern plants. Structured in the year 1942, the place is renowned as the oldest public garden in the entire city.

Address : 841 04 Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 841 04

Location : 48.148207, 17.0723676999999

Contact : +421 2/654 213 11

Website: <http://uniba.sk/o-univerzite/fakulty-a-dalsie-sucasti/botanicka-zahrada-uk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Botanická zahrada Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Medická zahrada

One of the most interesting public parks in the city, Medická Zahrada takes you through the Baroque Classicism. The place is filled with French baroque garden styles offering excellent landscapes. Here you can find various artworks spread across the entire garden right in the heart of the town.

Address : 811 08 Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 08

Location : 48.1496658, 17.1196972999999

Contact : +421 2/592 461 11

Nearest Public Transport : Špitálska Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Clarissine Church

An excellent symbol of Gothic architecture, the former Catholic Church is now used as a venue for cultural events. The pentagonal tower of the church soars high into the skyline of the city. The culture and the architecture are beautifully driven by this church that houses a number of medieval buildings making the appearance of the place relate to the medieval history of the city.

Address : Klariská, 811 03 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 03

Location : 48.1440000999999, 17.1056790999999

Contact : +421 2/591 031 00

Nearest Public Transport : Kapucínska Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Grassalkovich Palace

Renowned as the White House of the country, the Grassalkovich Palace is definitely one of the most popular parks across Bratislava. There are a number of concerts and events held here. The back of the palace has the Presidential Garden for you to relax and a playground for your kids.

Address : Hodžovo námestie 2978/1, 810 00 Staré Mesto, Slovakia

Zipcode : 810 00

Location : 48.149083, 17.1077219999999

Contact : +421 2/578 881 55

Website : <https://www.prezident.sk/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hodžovo nám. Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Aupark Shopping Center

Aupark Mall, situated on the bank of River Danube is the largest shopping as well as an entertainment center in the whole of Slovakia. The mall has more than 200 shops besides restaurants, a theater, and fitness center, all under one roof.

Address : Aupark, Einsteinova 18, 851 01 Bratislava-Petržalka, Slovakia

Zipcode : 851 01

Location : 48.1330434, 17.1070161999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Tesco Express

For budget shopping, take a trip to Tesco, an international destination in Bratislava. Located in the Old Town area of the city, Tesco is a must for all shopping aficionados for you are surely going to take home some souvenirs.

Address : Panónska cesta 25, 851 04 Petržalka, Slovakia

Zipcode : 851 04

Location : 48.1083495, 17.096762

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Polus City Center

Being the first shopping mall in Bratislava, Polus City Center is an abode to small and interesting shops as well as renowned brands. Find yourself buying something in the hypermarket, watching a movie at the cinema, or winning a game in the gaming zone.

Address : Vajnorská 10645/100, 831 04 Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 831 04

Location : 48.1682671, 17.1387578

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Avion Shopping Park

Spread on an area of 100,000 square meters, Avion Shopping Park is one of the largest of its kind in Slovakia and makes a perfect stop for family shopping. It features a mix of international and local brands and various other entertainment options.

Address : Ivanská cesta 5740/16, 821 04 Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 821 04

Location : 48.1667754999999, 17.1800799999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Eurovea

One of the most frequented shopping centers in Bratislava, Eurovea has a range of shopping options available for you. Apart from renowned brands and entertainment options, it has lounge bars proffering jaw-dropping views of the river, making it the social hub of the city.

Address : Pribinova 8, 811 09 Bratislava, Slovakia

Zipcode : 811 09

Location : 48.1405010999999, 17.1213256999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



8. Time Zone

The city follows Central European Time Zone with UTC + 01:00 hours.



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