Major Towns And Cities

Bratislava	Capital City with population of 462,061. Known as Pressburg prior to 1919
Košice	Second city with population of 240,596. Located in east of Slovakia
Prešov	Capital of the short lived Slovak Soviet Republic which lasted for 3 weeks back in 1919
Žilina	Large town close to Budatín Castle
Nitra	Very old city inhabited for 6,000 years
Banská Bystrica	The Jewel in the crown. Fantastic old town centre
Trnava	Easily reached in a day trip from Bratislava
Martin	Important Slovak cultural center
Trenčín	2 hours from Bratislava by train. Great castle and old Roman spa close by
Poprad	Gateway to the Tatras Mountains
Prievidza	Close to Bojnice Castle, a famous tourist stop

Geograpy

Highest Mountain

Gerlachovský štít 2,655 meters

National Parks

Tatra National Park 1949 738 square kilometres (73,800 ha)

Low Tatras National Park 1978 728 square kilometres (72,800 ha)

Veľká Fatra National Park 2002 404 square kilometres (40,400 ha)

Slovak Karst National Park 2002 346 square kilometres (34,600 ha)

Poloniny National Park 1997 298 square kilometres (29,800 ha)

Malá Fatra National Park 1988 226 square kilometres (22,600 ha)

Muránska planina National Park 1998 203 square kilometres (20,300 ha)

Slovak Paradise National Park 1988 197 square kilometres (19,700 ha)

Pieniny National Park 1967 38 square kilometres (3,800 ha)