### **Welcome to Nitra!**

Come with us for a walk on the seven hills, on which Nitra, "the town under Zobor Hill", is standing.

Use our mobile app to discover these locations and learn some practical information about the accessibility and transport or read some legendary stories from the ancient times.









# Castle hill

7 185 m ASL

#### A strong landscape landmark

Nitra Castle is part of the Upper Town and its fame dates way back to ancient past, when the oldest Great Moravian princes like Pribing or Svätopluk ruled. There are located the Cathedral of St. Emmeram's, Diocesan Museum, casemates, but also the accessible cathedral tower with a panoramatic view of Nitra. In the Diocesan Museum, there are copies of the oldest documents called Zobor Deeds from the years 1111 and 1113. The Gothic moat reveals an exhibition of the 9th-century Great Moravian Wall.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the castle has been the Bishop's seat for over a thousand years?

In the Upper Town, near the statue of "Corgoň" is the unique Diocesan Library (66 000 volumes of unique books).

# Na Vŕšku

√ 153 m ASL

### An inconspicuous hill in the town centre

The hillock called "Na Vŕšku" or "Na Andrášku" is the location of a medieval Franciscan monastery complex and cemetery. The baroque chapel of St. Michael from 1739 is its pride. It was built by Nitra mayor Lukáč Brezovič to commemorate the end of the plague. Under the floor, there is a crypt with thirty graves from 1771. In 1949, a memorial to the victims of World War II was unveiled in front of the chapel.

**DID YOU KNOW** that street market used to be organized around the chapel of St. Michael in the past? It was a place of commerce, meetings and traditional crafts of the region.

During the construction works in 2007, a historical road and a well from the 18th century were found and uncovered.

# **Calvary Hill**

7 213 m ASL

### A limestone hillock in the middle of the town

In the past, this limestone mountain was called Marian or Green Hill. Way of the Cross with its 14 stops, small chapels with embossments of scenes from life of Jesus Christ, leads to the very top of the hill. Calvary is a popular pilgrim's place to visit. The Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, the Mission House and the unique Missionary Museum are located here. The viewpoint with binoculars will provide a wonderful sight of the entire town.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Missionary Museum houses ethnological exhibits as well as exotic animals and birds from all over the world?

On the Calvary Hill, there is a climbing wall and it is an ideal place to fly a kite.



# **Borina**

7 218 m ASL

### A green island between the city centre and Klokočina district

In the Great Moravian era, there was a smaller hillfort. On the turn of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, the inhabitants of Nitra built a watchtower on Borina called "Turkish lookout" to defend against Turkish raids. Today's modern version of the tower dates back to the mid-18<sup>th</sup> to mid-19th centuries. The name "Gallows Hill" has been used since 1848, when the gallows was moved there.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the name "Borina" comes from the pine trees that were artificially planted here and form a vast vegetation on most of Gallows Hill?

Gradual revitalization of the locality has created an ideal space for active free time, and a bicycle trail has also been added.

# **Martin's Hill**

7 164 m ASL

### A military area with a breath of history

Martin's Hill was populated already in the period of the late Stone Age. At the end of the 8th century and in the 9th century, there was a huge fort with a dense settlement. In the early 1990s, a military hospital was built on this site, and later, barracks were here. The Archaeological Park is a part of the Martin's Hill area, with unique Slavic dwellings of the Great Moravian era and an indicative reconstruction of the Romanesque church from the 11th century.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the Emperor Francis Joseph I. visited here during a military exercise in 1887?

(i) Visitors will be welcomed by Creative Center Nitra.

# **Zobor Hill**

⊅ 587 m ASL

### An easy hiking close to the busy town

The beginning of exploring the hill is connected with a piece of ancient history, which can be found in the ancient **Zobor Monastery**. For visitors of Zobor Mountains, there is also an educational trail with 27 stops and a total length of 14,7km, within the cave of St.Svorad. The target of most tourists is the so called Pyramid (554 m ASL). The hike takes about an hour and will reward you with a beautiful view of the whole town, photo point, binocular and a fire pit for barbecue. You can also try climbing on **Via ferrata Zobor.** More info: *viaferratazobor.sk*.

**DID YOU KNOW** that since the Benedictine era, the municipality of Zobor has been known for growing grapevines and its famous wine bars?

An audio-visual guide and augmented reality were created for access to the educational trail of Zobor Mountains.

### **Dražovce Hill**

### The most photogenic place of Nitra

The hill with the Romanesque church of St. Michael is one of the nicest sceneries in Slovakia. This captivating place inspires artists, and its uniqueness is sought-after by photographers and filmmakers. The foundation of the church is dating back to the 11th century. Experts identified ten building phases, six of which date back to the Romanesque period.

**DID YOU KNOW** that the church of St. Michael was depicted on a 50-crowns Slovak banknote?

The view consists of the old, originally agrarian region contrasting with the new industrial park.



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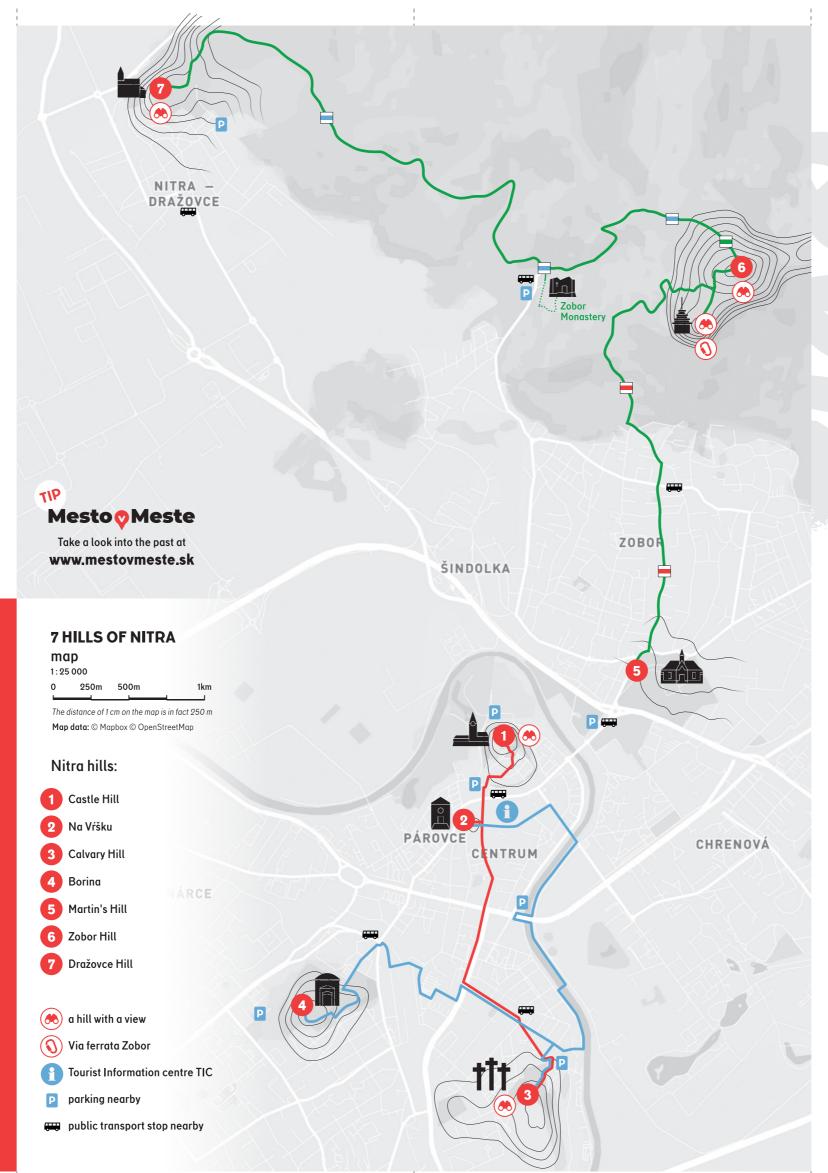
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Wandering on 7 hills of Nitra



### **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE 7 HILLS OF NITRA?**

1. Where stands the sculpture of St. Cyril and Methodius? Martin's Hill Calvary Hill Castle Hill 2. Which of the hills is the lowest? Na Vŕšku Borina O Dražovce Hill 3. Where is the cave of Dezider Horváth located? Calvary Hill Martin's Hill O Zobor Hill 4. On which hill does black pine grow abundantly? Na Vŕšku Borina Martin's Hill 5. What is the protected part of Zobor Mountains called? Zobor Forest-Steppe Pyramid Little Rock (Malá Skalka) 6. On which hill were the barracks located? Castle Hill Calvary Hill Martin's Hill 7. What was depicted on a two-euro post stamp? Zobor Hill Church of St. Michael Zobor Monastery Correct answers to be found in the imprint

### **ADVENTURE ROUTES**

From hill to hill, by foot or bike

### Martin's Hill » Pyramid » Zobor Hill » Zobor Monastery » Dražovce Hill

A tourist path through the picturesque nature of Zobor Mountains with rich flora and fauna. It starts near Martin's Hill, follows the red mark hiking trail, and leads up to Zobor Hill. The route continues with green and blue mark to Zobor monastery and further to the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Dražovce.

### Castle Hill » Na Vŕšku » Lower Town » Calvary Hill

The walk through the Upper and Lower Towns, and Calvary unveils the most beautiful monuments of the sacral architecture of Nitra.

### Na Vŕšku » Nitra River » Calvary Hill » Borina

The active route, which you can cover by feet or bicycle, connects the architectural monuments of Nitra with the picturesque natural nooks of Calvary Hill and Borina.

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