

Upper Town

Nitra Castle 1

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XI. - III. Mon - Sun 6:00 - 17:00

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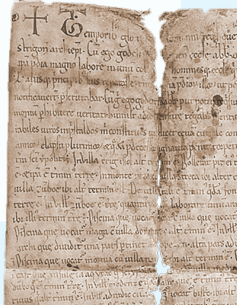
The ancient complex of the Nitra Castle is located on one of the seven Nitra hills. In these places, the Nitra prince Pribina had **the first Christian church** in our territory built in 828. The missionaries **St. Cyril and Methodius** brought the first Slavic script here and spread Christianity. Since 880, the castle has been the seat of the bishopric. In the period of Great Moravia, it was the seat of **Prince Svätopluk**, and in the Middle Ages the largest castle in Slovakia.



During many battles, uprisings and Tatar-Turkish falls, the castle was burned down several times and then gradually restored and fortified. The last major reconstruction took place in 1704, when the cathedral church was rebuilt and the bishop's palace was completed. Today, the Nitra Castle is the seat of the Roman Catholic Church - the Bishopric of Nitra. Its centre is the **Basilica of St. Emmeram**, which consists of the upper church, the lower church and the Romanesque church from the 11th century. The **cathedral tower** overlooks the entire town. The **Bishop's Palace** is the seat of the bishop and is open to the public once a year, including the memorial room of Bishop Ján Chryzostom Korec. Unique is the **Diocesan Museum** with an exhibition of objects from the beginning of Christianity in Slovakia and an exhibition of historical liturgical objects. In **the casemate**, we can find an exposition of early medieval life.

Did you know?

- the seasonal café Vazulka offers a pleasant seating area with a beautiful view during your visit to the castle
- during the Summer at the Nitra Castle, you can enjoy a cinema or a concert in the Gothic ditch
- in the cathedral, there is a reliquary with the remains of St. Andrej - Svorad, patron saint of Nitra
- the Diocesan Museum also exhibits copies of the oldest Slovak documents - the Zobor Deeds from 1111 and 1113
- 168 steps lead to the cathedral tower and you can visit it during the planned ascents



Franciscan monastery with the Church of St. Peter and Paul 4

Samova Street 2

The originally Franciscan monastery complex was built in 1630 by Bishop Ján Telegdy. The most precious part is a whole of **33 wooden reliefs** depicting the life of St. Francis of Assisi, created by the monk Francis Xaver Seegen from Vienna. **Relief of St. Peter and Paul** on the facade of the church from 1663 was hidden in the paving of the church during the Turkish wars.

Large Seminary and Diocesan Library 6

Samova Street 14

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Open: Mon - Fri 10:00 - 12:00

 **ADMISSION**  **GUIDED TOURS**

A distinctive baroque four-wing palace from the mid-18th century. For centuries, it has contained the unique **Diocesan Library**, which was built by Bishop Augustin Roškovaní in 1885. The library's collection consists of **66,000 volumes**, including 78 rare first prints made before 1500. The library contains works in 37 languages and several unique books.

Pribina 3

Pribina Square

A bronze statue of the mighty Prince Pribina guards the Upper Town. It was created in 1989 by a native of Nitra, academic sculptor Tibor Bartfay.



Kluch Palace and Corgoň 2

Samova Street 16

The originally classicist and later rebuilt palace building was erected by Bishop Jozef Kluch for canons at the end of the 19th century. The corner of the building is supported by **Corgoň** - a legendary powerful blacksmith and defender of the town, who was the terror of the advancing Turks.

Small Seminary 7

Pribina Square 5

The distinctive eclectic building has undergone several reconstructions and today is the seat of the Priestly Seminary of St. Gorazd. It serves to educate future priests of the Dioceses of Nitra, Žilina and Banská Bystrica. In 1990, the activity of the seminary was restored by Cardinal Ján Chryzostom Korec, who was then Bishop of Nitra.

County House and Nitra Gallery 5

Župné Square 3

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Open: Tue - Fri 10:00 - 18:00; Sat - Sun 13:00 - 18:00

www.nitrianskagaleria.sk

 **ADMISSION**

The late Baroque palace building was built in the 18th century on the site of the original county house. Several reconstructions resulted in its current Art Nouveau form, which is particularly pronounced in the interior representative halls. Today, the building is again **the seat of the Nitra County** (Nitra Self-Governing Region) and **the Nitra Gallery**. The gallery was founded in 1965 and today has **5 exhibition spaces** - Representative Hall, Salon, Youth Gallery, and Bunker.

Lower Town

Piarist monastery and Church of St. Ladislav 12

Piarist Street 8 | www.piaristi.sk

The Piarist Order has been active in Nitra since the 17th century. The church was consecrated in 1789. Today, it is the largest Baroque building in the town and **the largest organ in Nitra** can be played here. The interior has Baroque decoration with ceiling paintings from the history of Nitra and Slovakia by the Nitra native E. Massányi. The main altar from 1750 is a gift from A. Grassalkovič, a former student of the Piarist Grammar School. In 1921, the first Slovak bishops were consecrated here: K. Kmetko, M. Blaha and J. Vojtaššák.

Synagogue 11 and Jewish Cemetery 24

Pri Synagóge Street 1 (cemetery: Hviezdoslav road)

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Open: Tue: 13:00 - 18:00; Wed, Thu: 9:00 - 12:00, 13:00 - 18:00

Sat, Sun: 13:00 - 18:00 (cemetery: Thu: 8:00 - 15:00, Sun: 8:00 - 15:00)

 **ADMISSION**

The building of the Synagogue in the Moorish-Byzantine style was commissioned by the neological Jewish religious community in 1911. Today it serves primarily as a **concert and exhibition hall of the Nitra Town**. We can find here permanent exhibitions such as History and Traditions of Jews in Nitra, Shraga Weil: Graphics, and Nitra Views by Alena Bugárová. In Nitra, there is also one of the largest **Jewish cemeteries** in Slovakia.

Former City Hall and Nitra Regional Museum 8

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Open: IV. - IX. Tue - Sat: 9:00 - 17:00; X. - III. Mon - Fri: 9:00 - 17:00

www.muzeumnitra.sk

 **ADMISSION**  **GUIDED TOURS**

The Neo-Renaissance building of the former Town Hall - Town House was built in 1880. It had various uses and today it houses the Nitra Regional Museum and the Tourist Information Centre Nitra. In the Museum, we can find collection items from various areas - e.g. archaeological finds from the Stone Age, gold plaques from Bojná, or an exhibition of natural sciences or clothing culture.



In the Tourist Information Centre Nitra, you will get information about events and tourist locations and you will also have fun in the kids interactive and educational zone TICadlovo.



Chapel of St. Michael 10

Na Vršku Street

The Baroque chapel was established in 1739 as a thank you for the end of the plague epidemic.



Pedestrian zone and Merchant Street 23

Štefánik Road, Kupecká Street

 **REFRESHMENT**

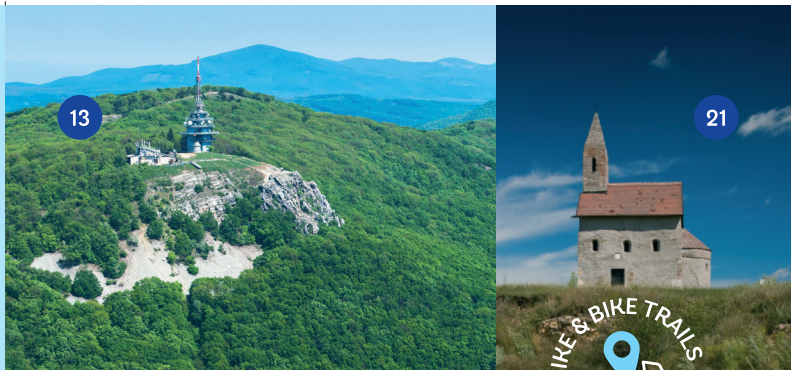
In 1996, the pedestrian zone was modified and took its present form. During its modification, valuable archaeological evidence of our past was discovered. Artistic works can be found here, such as a **musical clock** or an iconic **Slavic sword** embedded in the pavement, representing a symbol of peace. The **Merchant Street** (Kupecká ulica) served as scene of markets and seat of craft shops. Today, it is a place with a magical atmosphere for pleasant seating, not only with good coffee or ice cream.



Church of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary 9

Farská Street 18

The Neo-Romanesque three-nave church was built in 1861. A school has always been a part of the complex, and under the church, there is a spacious crypt.



Zobor Hills 13

 **VIEWPOINT**

 **REFRESHMENT**

The panorama of Nitra on seven hills is inextricably completed by the **Zobor Mountain** and the Pyramid. Zobor Hills offer easy hiking and cycling or the opportunity to learn about the local fauna and flora using the **Zobor Hills Educational Trail**. The **Fortification Zobor Educational Trail** will teach you about the history of this place. More adventurous visitors can try **climbing the secured routes** - via ferata **Zobor** of difficulty B and C of Ferrate Zobor. More information on viaferratazobor.sk.

Church of St. Michael the Archangel 21

 **VIEWPOINT**

The iconic Romanesque church from the 11th century is also known as the Dražovce church. It is a great starting point for hiking or wandering along the historic Cyrillo-Methodian Way. Holy Masses are held here once a year on the feast of St. Michael, September 29th.

Zobor Monastery 14 and Cave of St. Svorad

Kláštorská Street 134 | www.zoborskyklastor.sk

 **GUIDED TOURS**

By taking a short walk in nature, you will discover **the ruins of the oldest monastery in Slovakia**. The originally Benedictine monastery was established before 880. The monks who lived here contributed to the development of writing (the first translation of the Bible into Slovak) and health care (the first clinic was established here - a hospital and a pharmacy in Nitra). The oldest written documents in Slovakia, the **Zobor Deeds from 1111 and 1113**, come from this place. St. Andrej - Svorad and his disciple St. Beňadik once lived their hermit lives here in the Zobor Monastery. They became the first Slovak saints. St. Svorad is the patron saint of Nitra today. Near the monastery, you can also visit the freely accessible **cave of St. Svorad**. The cave is located near the **Zobor Forest Steppe National Nature Reserve**, which is the most valuable area of the Zobor Hills and is subject to the strictest degree of protection.



Calvary 15

One of the green hills of the town, offering 14 stations of the Way of the Cross and a beautiful view of the town.

 **VIEWPOINT**

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16

Kalvária 1

The first mention of an ancient church in this place dates back to 1248. Pilgrims have long been visiting the wooden statue of the Virgin Mary - Pieta.

Mission House of the Mother of God and Mission Museum 17

Kalvária 3

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Open: Mon - Fri 14:00 - 18:00 (in agreement also from 8:00),

Sat - Sun 13:00 - 17:00 (in agreement also from 8:00)

www.verbisti.sk

 **ADMISSION VOLUNTARY**

The Mission House building was erected in 1928 for The Society of the Divine Word (the Verbist Order), which is dedicated to missionary work around the world. There is a **unique Missionary Museum of Nations and Cultures**. It houses ethnological exhibits from around the world brought back by missionaries from their travels, as well as exotic animals and birds, especially interesting for children and youth.



Chrenová

Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra 19 and its Botanical Garden 20

A.Hlinku Road 2

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Opening hours of Botanical Garden:

III. - X. Mon - Fri 7:30 - 18:00, Sat-Sun 9:00 - 18:00

XI. - II. Mon - Fri 7:30 - 15:00, Sat-Sun 9:00 - 15:00

www.uniag.sk

www.bz.uniag.sk

The university building represents a **unique complex of modern architecture** designed by the famous architect Vladimír Dedek. The University also includes the **Botanical Garden**, which is both a green oasis of the town and a professional workplace. It consists of a park, an orchard, a forestry nursery and some greenhouses. The area also includes a mini vivarium and a mini ZOO.



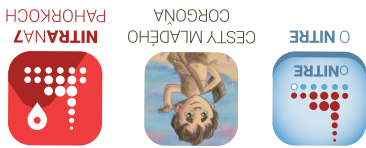
Opening hours:
16. September - 14. June:
Mon - Fri 9:00 - 17:00
15. June - 15. September:
Mon - Fri 8:00 - 18:00
Sat - Sun 13:00 - 18:00



Tourist Information Centre



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Nitra

Nitra is one of the oldest towns in Slovakia and it is located on seven green hills. The first written mention of Nitra comes from 871-873 from the file on the conversion of the Bavarians and Carinthians. The history of Nitra dates back to 30,000 BC, the first inhabitants appeared here in prehistoric times. The first Christian church in Slovakia was built in this area. In the period of Great Moravia, Nitra was one of the largest settlement agglomerations in Central Europe.

Nitra is:

- the mother of Slovak towns: **town privileges since 1248**
- the **seat of the diocese for over 1000 years**: since 880
- the town of Pribina and Svätopluk: the oldest history of Slovakia is connected with Nitra
- **a spiritual place**: a town of churches, sacral monuments and a pilgrimage site - Nitra Castle, Calvary, Zobor Monastery
- the town where St. Cyril and Methodius spread the faith: **The Cyril and Methodius Route**
- known for a **long tradition of theatre**: it has 3 permanent theatre scenes
- **a town of culture**: festivals, events, concerts, happenings
- **town of museums and galleries**: unique Diocesan Museum, Mission Museum, Slovak Agricultural Museum, Nitra Gallery, Foyer Gallery
- the town of sports: **22 sports facilities**
- a university town: more than 13,000 students study here at the **Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra**, **Constantine the Philosopher University**, and the **Seminary of St. Gorazd of Comenius University in Bratislava**

NITRA

Town map

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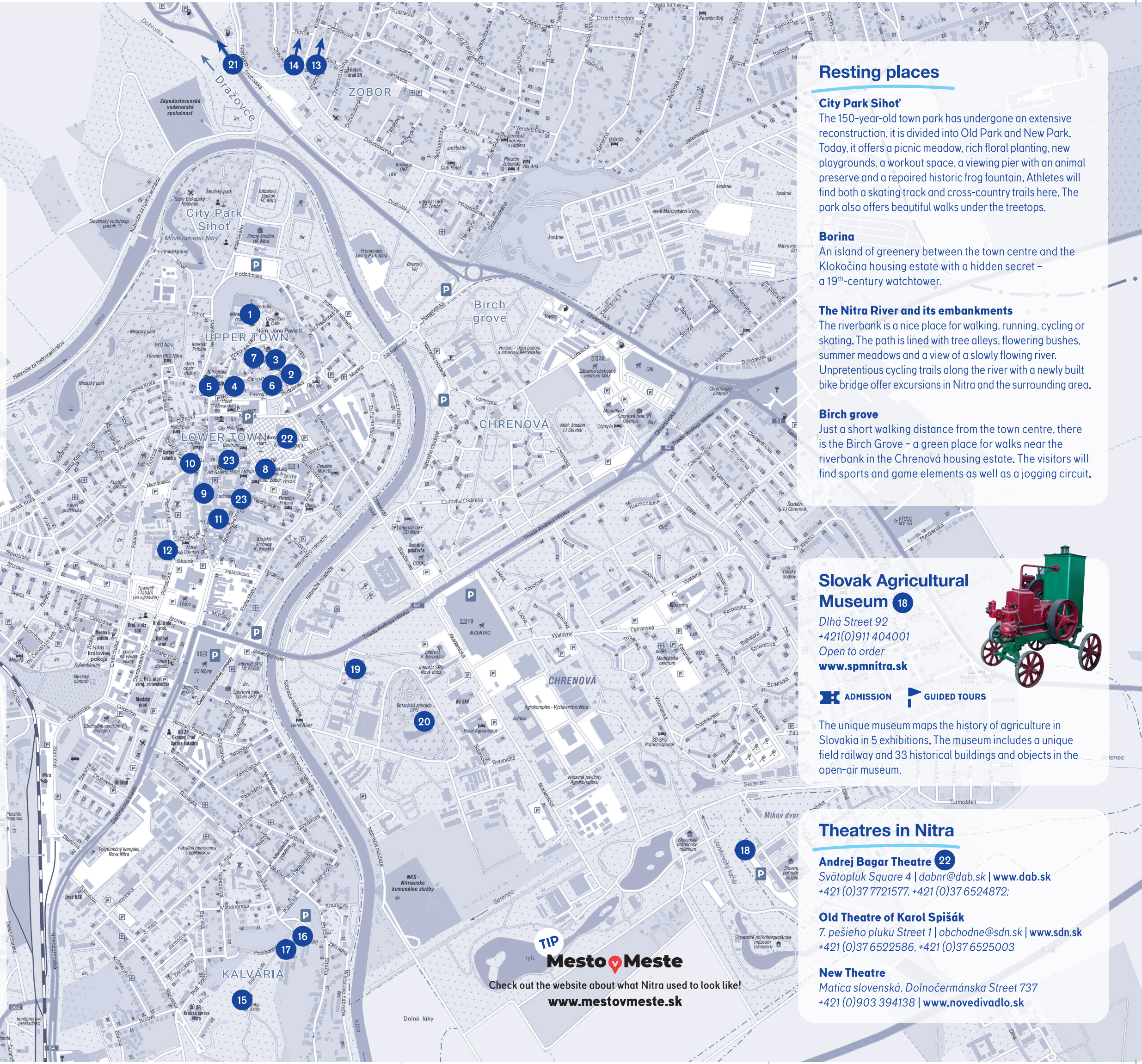
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Resting places

City Park Sihot'

The 150-year-old town park has undergone an extensive reconstruction, it is divided into Old Park and New Park. Today, it offers a picnic meadow, rich floral planting, new playgrounds, a workout space, a viewing pier with an animal preserve and a repaired historic frog fountain. Athletes will find both a skating track and cross-country trails here. The park also offers beautiful walks under the treetops.

Borina

An island of greenery between the town centre and the Klokočina housing estate with a hidden secret – a 19th-century watchtower.

The Nitra River and its embankments

The riverbank is a nice place for walking, running, cycling or skating. The path is lined with tree alleys, flowering bushes, summer meadows and a view of a slowly flowing river. Unpretentious cycling trails along the river with a newly built bike bridge offer excursions in Nitra and the surrounding area.

Birch grove

Just a short walking distance from the town centre, there is the Birch Grove – a green place for walks near the riverbank in the Chrenová housing estate. The visitors will find sports and game elements as well as a jogging circuit.

Slovak Agricultural Museum 18

Dlhá Street 92
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Open to order
www.spmnitra.sk

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The unique museum maps the history of agriculture in Slovakia in 5 exhibitions. The museum includes a unique field railway and 33 historical buildings and objects in the open-air museum.



Theatres in Nitra

Andrej Bagar Theatre 22

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Old Theatre of Karol Spišák

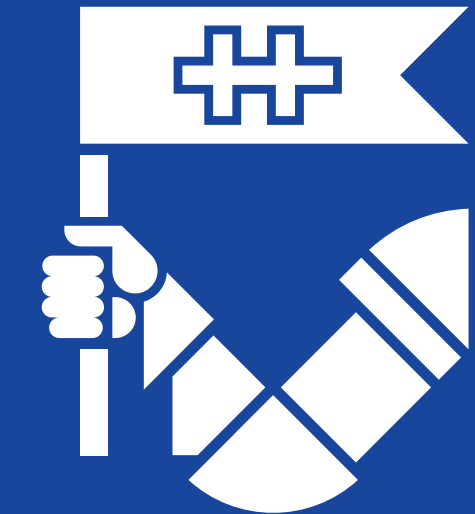
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New Theatre

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TIP
Mesto Meste

Check out the website about what Nitra used to look like!
www.mestovmeste.sk



Welcome to Nitra

