### A QUICK GUIDE: How to get from Viennia (Austria) to Banská Bystrica (Slovakia)

#### Important Information

- Before you begin arranging ground transportation, please be sure to read through this guide thoroughly. Section 4. OTHER OPTIONS has important information about possible delays, rental car options, and speed limits.
  - Due to frequent technical problems and railway reconstruction, we strongly recommend that you consider taking a bus instead of a train.
- There is no direct ground transportation from Vienna to Banská Bystrica, so you will need to travel from Vienna to Bratislava where you will make your connection for ground transportation from Bratislava to Banská Bystrica.
- Our partners in Banská Bystrica recommend downloading the <u>Bolt</u> transportation app (see below) in advance and the prices are reasonable. Bolt is comparable to Uber / Lyft in the U.S. and various parts around the world and services many parts of Central Europe.



*Note*: If you are not able to download the app or the app (once downloaded) does not work, you can request a ride through your browser: <u>https://m.bolt.eu/</u>.

When you arrive to Vienna, you will find yourself at **"Flughafen Wien"**, from where you can take a bus. Unfortunately, there is no direct connection from Vienna to Banská Bystrica and you will need to make another ground transportation in **Bratislava**. **You can get from Vienna Airport to Bratislava by bus or you can take a taxi / other vehicle transportation (e.g., <u>Bolt</u>) or rent a car.** 

## 1. HOW TO GET FROM VIENNA (AIRPORT) TO BRATISLAVA BY BUS (Approximately 1 hour)



The best option is to take a direct bus from the airport to Bratislava. These buses are frequent, they cost around  $\leq 10 - 15$  and the ride can be booked in advance <u>here</u>.

# 2. HOW TO GET FROM TO BRATISLAVA TO BANSKÁ BYSTRICA BY BUS (Approximately 3 hours)



Once you arrive to Bratislava, you get off at **Central Bus Station Nivy.** This is a bus station only and trains do not depart from here. However, a bus will take you directly to Banská Bystrica. The connections can be found here:

https://cp.hnonline.sk/en/vlakbusmhd/spojenie/

For a comfortable journey without changes, please click the **"Direct connections only"** option. The website allows you to buy tickets, which cost about  $\pounds 20 - 30$ .

#### 3. ARRIVED: You are now Banská Bystrica

Option 1:<u>Bolt</u> transportation service is working in Banská Bystrica and the prices are reasonable. Bolt is comparable to Uber / Lyft in the U.S. and various parts around the world.

• If you haven't already downloaded the Bolt app, our partners in Banská Bystrica strongly recommend downloading this in advance. See the QR code to download.



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Option 2: Once you arrive to Banská Bystrica, you can look for a connection from the bus station to the centre here: <u>https://cp.hnonline.sk/en/banskabystrica/spojenie/</u>.

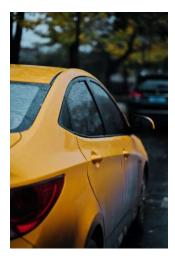
- For the bus station, please type "autobusová stanica."
- For the city centre, please type "námestie slobody."
  - *Note*: The ticket <u>must</u> be purchased from the driver.

### **4. OTHER OPTIONS**



**Train option**. If you are familiar with Vienna, you can take a **train** from Vienna to Bratislava (approximately 1 hour). Unfortunately, there is no direct connection from Vienna to Banská Bystrica. This would, however, require you to move to the train station (Wien Hbf) in Vienna, taking a train to Bratislava and then taking a train to Banská Bystrica approximately 4 hours).

Trains from Vienna to Bratislava are frequent. Here you can buy a ticket (about €20): <u>https://www.zssk.sk/en/</u>. The same link can be used to buy a ticket to Banská Bystrica. *Note*: Due to frequent technical problems and railway reconstruction, we strongly recommend that you consider taking a bus instead of a train.



**Car Rental option**. You can also rent a car directly at Vienna Airport. Here you will find a wide selection of cars and you can rent a car for your entire stay in Slovakia via <u>Rentalcars.com at</u> <u>the Vienna International Airport (VIE)</u>.

• *Note*: The speed limit for the highway is 130 km/h; otherwise, it is 90 km/h and towns and villages have a speed limit 50 km/h.

Have a safe journey and we look forward to seeing you soon!