

Towns and places

1. The places of my childhood (birthplace) – (shops, services, culture, sports facilities, transport, natural beauty, free time, problems in the town/village)
2. My study place
3. Holiday place (weekends) – your favourite place, the nicest destination, mountains, seaside, where the Slovaks usually go on holiday
4. World – known places in SR
5. World- known places abroad
6. My dream place for future living

We can divide people into 3 groups:

- a) sightseeing and history lovers
- b) relax lovers
- c) nature lovers

The place of my childhood

Home town is a place where we were born. The city in which I was born is called Gelnica and is located in the east of Slovakia, 40km far from Košice. Gelnica is situated on the banks of the river Hnilec. I have been living in our small town for 19 years. My home town is small. We can find there many historical places such as churches, ruins of the castle, mining museum and mines that visitors of Gelnica like to visit. Gelnica has also many natural beauties such as natural lakes Turzov and gorgeous forests. Lake Turzov is very popular not only in summer when tourists from the surrounding area visit this place and come to have fun and relax. There are also many sports facilities, for example tennis courts, playgrounds for children, hockey stadium, football stadium and a swimming pool in the primary school. Our favorite sports are football and hockey. We have some cultural facilities too. In summer we can use open-air cinema, visit mining museum, read books in the library, attend art school and visit their performances, enjoy the Days of the town – a feast that we celebrate every summer. People can buy various goods in the market and enjoy the atmosphere during various cultural performances and concerts of famous Slovak bands. There are many shops in Gelnica, for example 2 shopping centres Tesco nad Fresh, lots of corner shops, shops with clothes, drugstores, chemist's, butcher's, baker's, florist's,... Our town has four schools: 2 kindergartens, a primary schools, a secondary school. There are also some banks and a hospital. The problem of the city is high unemployment and low living standards. It is reflected in the local poor settlements that are located across the entire

city. Gelnica is a city that can offer many people an education and a place to grow up, but the disadvantages eventually outweigh the advantages, and that's why many young people decide to leave this city after finishing the secondary school.

My study place

Like many of my friends, I decided to continue my studies at the local general grammar school after primary school. I have been studying at this school for 8 years. I made this decision because of general knowledge and preparation for all possible industries. For a long time I was undecided about the further studies. I made my decision only recently and that's why I'm glad that I chose a school where I had enough time to think. I have my best friends at this school and also many memories that I will never forget. Even though my studies at this school are coming to an end, I will always remember with a smile the moments spent at this school.

Holiday place

In summer the Slovaks go on holiday to countries with warm weather. For example the most visited countries are Croatia, Italy, Greece, Spain, Egypt,...They swim in the sea and sunbathe on the beaches. The temperature is often very high, but people like it very much. In winter they usually ski and relax in wellness centres. They spend winter in the High Tatras, in spas or they go to Austria to Alps for skiing.

Usually, I used to spend weekends with my friends playing games, sports, exercising, or visiting local bars. I spent my holidays with my family mostly somewhere in the Tatras. We went to different places in our mountains with my mother, grandmother and grandfather. We spent many nice and peaceful moments together. England has become my favorite holiday destination. In the English city of Bournemouth, I spent 10 beautiful days with my friend at my godfather's house. This place became very special for me mainly because it was the first time I was on vacation further abroad and the first time I was by the sea. I really enjoyed this trip and in the future I would like to return there, maybe for vacations and maybe even stay there.

World- known places in SR

Slovakia offers many interesting places for relaxation. Beautiful countryside, caves, waterfalls, spas attract many domestic and foreign tourists. For nature lovers there are places such as The High nad Low Tatras (hiking, skiing, cross country skiing, cycling, horse riding,...), Veľká and Malá Studená dolina (waterfalls), The National Park of The Low Tatras, Kráľova Hoľa, Demänovská Dolina. There are also many spas: in Bardejov, Piešťany, Rajec, Dudince,... These spas offer healing procedures, massages, saunas which help people to become healthier. People can also visit many lakes and caves, such as Belianska cave, Dobšinská ice cave,... Slovakia also offers many interesting places and places for sightseeing. The most beautiful castles are in Orava, Spiš, Trenčín, Zvolen and Bojnice. Levoča is famous for its beautiful wooden creations. Some cities offer interesting mining history, for example Kremnica, Banská Štiavnica or Gelnica. Slovakia also offers many cultural events for tourists. The folklore festivals in Východná, Detva, Myjava reflect cultural traditions through folk songs and dances.

I recommend to visit Bratislava for its historic charm, the High Tatras for stunning landscapes, Spiš Castle for history, and Červený Kameň Castle for medieval architecture. Explore Slovak Paradise National Park for hiking, and don't miss Orava Castle near the Orava River.

Bratislava

Bratislava, Slovakia's capital, is known for its charming Old Town, dominated by the medieval Bratislava Castle. Wander through the historic streets, visit St. Martin's Cathedral, and enjoy views from the UFO Observation Deck. The Danube River, the Devin Castle ruins, and the lively atmosphere make Bratislava a captivating destination.

High Tatras

The High Tatras, part of the Carpathian mountain range, offer breathtaking landscapes in Slovakia. Popular for hiking and skiing, the region features picturesque lakes like Štrbské Pleso, diverse flora and fauna, and stunning peaks such as Gerlachovský štít. It's a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, providing both challenging trails and scenic beauty.

Spiš castle

Spiš Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is one of Europe's largest castle complexes. Located in eastern Slovakia, it boasts impressive medieval architecture and panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. Explore the well-preserved ruins, including the Gothic and Romanesque elements, and learn about the castle's rich history in the Spiš Museum located nearby.

Kosice

Košice, Slovakia's second-largest city, is known for its well-preserved historical center. St. Elisabeth Cathedral, with its Gothic style, dominates the main square. Visit the charming Old Town, stroll along Hlavná Street, and explore attractions like the Urban Tower and Miklus Prison. Košice is also culturally vibrant, hosting events like the International Film Festival and offering a variety of museums and galleries.

World- known abroad

There are many beautiful places in the world where people would like to live or at least spend their holidays. Some people like the peacefulness of the countryside, others prefer a hectic life in crowded towns and cities. Nowadays, it is normal for people to live in different palces during their lives. From time to time we all leave our homes when we travel away for holiday.

The most beautiful cities include Prague, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, San Francisko, Venice, London. They offer a lot of excitement, possibilities for sightseeing, shopping opportunities, restaurants, casinos and night clubs. The Hawaiian Islands, the Seychelles and the Pacific Islands are called paradise places. People like visiting wonders of the worls, such as the Acropolis, the Giza Pyramids, the Great Wall, Machu Picchu,...

London

London, the capital of the United Kingdom, is a dynamic metropolis rich in history and culture. Explore iconic landmarks such as the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, and the British Museum. Stroll along the River Thames, visit world-class theaters in the West End, and experience the diverse neighborhoods like Soho and Camden. London offers a blend of tradition and modernity, with parks like Hyde Park and vibrant markets like Borough Market adding to its allure.

Okinawa

Okinawa, a prefecture in Japan, is a tropical paradise with a unique cultural identity. Explore Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and visit the Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium, home to impressive marine life. Enjoy the beautiful beaches, such as Katsuren Peninsula's Emerald Beach, and learn about Okinawan history at the Okinawa Prefectural Peace Memorial

Museum. The island also boasts a distinct cuisine and traditional performances like Eisa dance, reflecting its rich heritage.

Niagara falls

Niagara Falls, located on the border between the United States (New York) and Canada (Ontario), is a world-famous natural wonder. Comprising three waterfalls—Horseshoe Falls, American Falls, and Bridal Veil Falls—Niagara Falls is known for its breathtaking beauty and immense power. Take a boat tour like Maid of the Mist to get up close, explore the surrounding parks, and witness the impressive cascades and mist that make Niagara Falls a captivating destination.

My dream place for future living

The place that I liked so much that it became my dream place to live became Bournemouth. After spending a few days in this city, I decided that I must return there in the future. I fell in love with the combination of English culture and seaside atmosphere.

Bournemouth points of interest:

Victorian Origins: Bournemouth began as a seaside resort in the Victorian era, attracting visitors with its mild climate and sandy beaches.

Pier Pressure: The Bournemouth Pier, originally built in 1856, has undergone several reconstructions. The present pier includes an amusement arcade, theaters, and an end-of-the-pier restaurant.

Jurassic Coast: Bournemouth is part of the Jurassic Coast, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its geological significance and fossils dating back millions of years.

Blue Flag Beaches: The town's beaches, including the popular Bournemouth Beach, have been awarded Blue Flag status, indicating high environmental and water quality standards.

Balloon Ascent: Bournemouth has one of the world's oldest hot air balloon festivals. The annual event features a spectacular display of colorful balloons ascending over the town.

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery: The Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum showcases a diverse collection of art and artifacts in a Victorian villa. It was originally the home of Merton Russell-Cotes, a prominent figure in the town's history.

Green Spaces: Bournemouth boasts several gardens and parks, including Lower Gardens in the town center and the Alum Chine Tropical Gardens.

AFC Bournemouth: The town has a strong football presence with AFC Bournemouth, a club that has experienced success and promotion in the English football league system .