



UNIVERSITY  
OF ŽILINA

# Guidebook

for International  
Staff Week Visitors  
at UNIZA

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# Welcome to UNIZA

We are glad to welcome you to the University of Žilina. This guidebook will supply you with basic information about us, the country, transportation, accommodation, sightseeing and much more. For further information feel free to check out our website which contains information about living in Žilina <https://www.uniza.sk/>.

The University of Žilina (UNIZA) is a modern university with a rich tradition. It currently educates nearly **8,000 students** in **203 accredited study programs**. Over its 70-year history, it has produced over **95,000 graduates**, specializing mainly in transport, engineering, management, marketing, and humanities. UNIZA offers education at six faculties and two Institutes.

The University of Žilina campus is located in a quiet green area near a forest park, within walking distance of accommodation facilities and the historical city centre. The campus is compact and easily walkable. Most buildings and services are reachable within 10 minutes on foot.

Here is the location of them:

## Faculties



UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA  
Faculty of Operation and Economics  
of Transport and Communications



UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA  
Faculty of Security  
Engineering



UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA  
Faculty of Mechanical  
Engineering



UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA  
Faculty of Electrical Engineering  
and Information Technology



UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA  
Faculty of Civil  
Engineering



UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA  
Faculty of Management Science  
and Informatics

## Institutes



UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA  
Institute of Mediamatics  
and Cultural Heritage



UNIVERSITY OF ŽILINA  
Institute of High Mountain Biology  
in Tatranská Javorina



# Transport

Convenient connection to the Žilina from the nearest airport:



- **VIENNA**

From the airport in Vienna you can easily get to the capital of Slovakia - Bratislava by bus.



Route from Vienna airport to the bus station Bratislava Nivy. You can use 3 shipping companies. [Flixbus](#), [Slovak Lines](#) and [RegioJet](#). You can find their current timetable.

From the railway station (Hlavná stanica) you can take the [train directly to Žilina](#).



- **PRAGUE**



From the airport you can get to the [bus](#) and [train](#) station by bus.

From there you can use the bus or [train](#) to get to Žilina. Timelines can be found on connected lines.



- **BRATISLAVA**



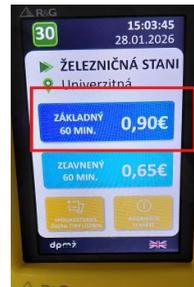
From there you can use the [bus](#) or [train](#) to get to Žilina. Timelines can be found on connected lines.



## How to get from railway station to campus? You have many possibilities:

### Public transport

- **Payment by card**
  - » After boarding, use the yellow ticket validator
  - » Select Pay by card on the display
  - » Tap your payment card or NFC device (supported: Visa, Mastercard, Maestro, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Garmin Pay)
  - » Ticket Price **0.90 €**
- **Paper Tickets**
  - » Available at ticket machines at bus stops and newspaper kiosks
  - » Ticket machines accept euro coins
- **SMS Tickets**
  - » Send a blank SMS to 1155
  - » Price: **1.10 €**
  - » Valid for 60 minutes
  - » You may board only after receiving the confirmation SMS



### Taxi

- » Taxis operate 24/7
- » Starting fare is usually around **3 €**, with the final price depending on distance
- » Prices are comparable to other European cities
- » BOLT services available in Žilina
- » Other taxi services:
  - [MIMA TAXI](#)
  - [TABI TAXI](#)
  - [ZAJO TAXI](#)



- **Kia bike**
  - » KIA Bike is a popular and eco-friendly way to move around the city.
  - » **Download the app**
  - » ⚠️ Just a reminder that in Slovakia you're not allowed to ride a bike on the sidewalks.

First 15 minutes: **FREE**

- » Additional 15 minutes (up to 60 minutes): **0.25 €**
- » Maximum daily charge: **100 €**
- » Pricing details: <https://bikekia.sk/en/pricing/>

- **BOLT electric scooter**
  - » Available throughout the city
  - » Locate and unlock scooters via the **Bolt app**
  - » ⚠️ Just a reminder that in Slovakia you're not allowed to ride a electric scooter on the sidewalks.



# Accommodation

Žilina offers several accommodation options within walking distance of the UNIZA campus and the city centre. Below is a selection recommended for International Staff Week visitors.

- **University Dormitory - Veľký diel**
  - » Address: Vysokoškolákov 20, 010 08 Žilina
  - » It is a part of the UNIZA Campus.
  - » Affordable option
  - » For reservation, please contact:  
[lucia.jendrichovska@uniza.sk](mailto:lucia.jendrichovska@uniza.sk)





## Guest houses, hotels, pensions in Žilina

- **Guest House Kamélia (\*\*\*)**
  - » Comfortable accommodation near campus
- **Villa Malá Praha**  
Located near the city centre
- **Penzión Central Park**
  - » Close to the historical centre
- **V inom svete**
  - » Close to the centre
- **Holiday Inn**
  - » Close to the centre
- **Hotel Dubná Skala (\*\*\*\*)**
  - » Close to the centre

**Participants are encouraged to book accommodation early due to limited capacity.**



# Restaurants

Žilina offers a wide range of restaurants, cafés, and pubs suitable for different tastes and budgets.

## Near UNIZA Campus

- [Voyage](#)
  - » A world full of juicy burgers, homemade pasta, Roman-style pizza, excellent coffee
- [Pizzeria Vulcano](#)
  - » Specialties of Tyrolean, Italian, and German cuisine, and pizza made with original Italian ingredients.
- [Penzión Kamélia Reštaurácia](#)
  - » A varied selection of Slovak and foreign dishes

## City Centre - Food

- [Manzo](#)
  - » Excellent steaks, handmade pasta or Italian risotto

## City Centre - Beer halls

- [Žilinská kozlovňa](#)
- [Žilinská plzníčka](#)
- [Beervana](#)
- [Na 7 schode](#)
- [Piváreň LUX](#)

**Most restaurants accept card payments and offer English menus.**



# What to see in Žilina

Žilina and its surroundings offer a variety of cultural, historical, and leisure attractions, all easily accessible from the city centre.

- **Budatin Castle**

Budatín Castle is one of the most important historical landmarks in Žilina. The castle houses the Považie Museum and is known for its unique collection of wire art (tinkering). The surrounding park is ideal for a relaxing walk.

- **Church of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

Located on Mariánske Námestie, this Baroque church dates back to 1754. Its twin towers dominate the historical city centre and are a distinctive feature of Žilina's skyline.

- **Považská Gallery of Art**

Situated on Andrej Hlinka Square, this gallery is housed in a Neoclassical building and features modern and contemporary Slovak art, as well as temporary exhibitions.

- **Rosenfeld Palace**

Rosenfeld Palace is an important cultural venue offering exhibitions, concerts, lectures, and discussions focused on contemporary art, design, and urban culture.

- **Vrba–Wetzler Memorial Room**

This memorial commemorates Rudolf Vrba and Alfréd Wetzler, who escaped from Auschwitz in 1944. The exhibition presents a powerful historical testimony and is recommended for visitors interested in modern European history.

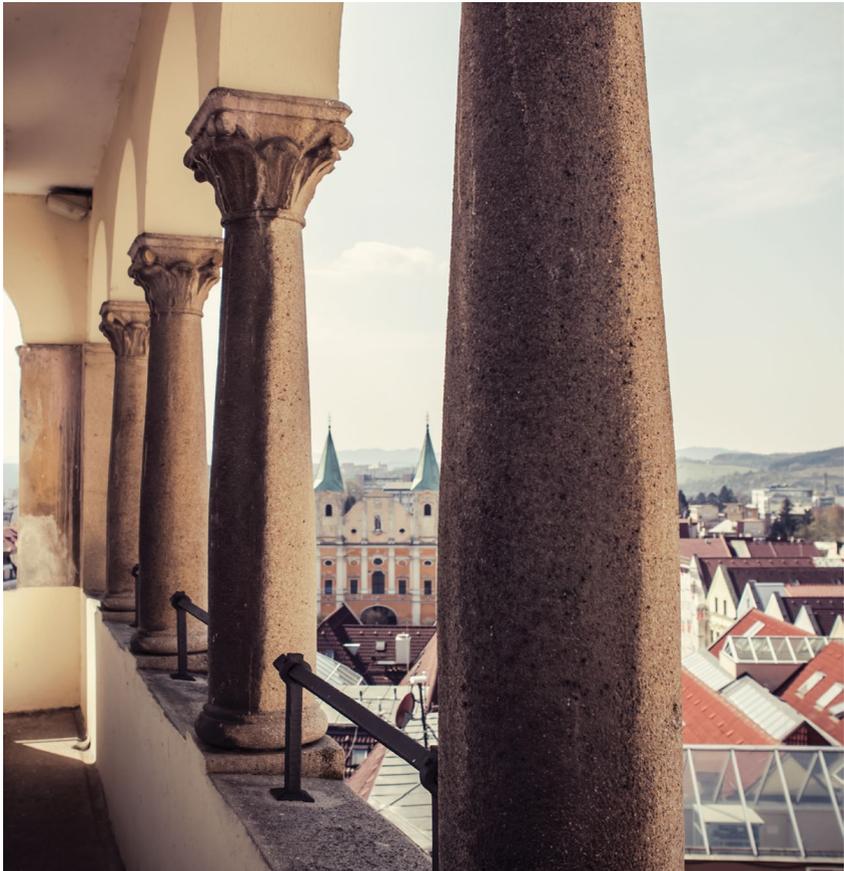
- **Malá Fatra National Park**

Hiking and nature experiences (day trip)

*Most attractions are within walking distance or easily reachable by public transport.*

FOR MORE INSPIRATION CHECK THIS SITE:

<https://www.thecrazytourist.com/15-best-things-zilina-slovakia/>





# Useful Information

- **Tap water is safe to drink**

Slovakia has the second-largest reservoir of drinkable water in all of Europe. **You Can Drink the Tap Water.** When dining out at cafes and restaurants, be sure to ask for a glass of water instead of a bottle.

- **Currency & Payments**

**The official currency in Slovakia is the euro (€).** Credit and debit cards are widely accepted, and contactless payments are common. However cash is also needed.

- **Electricity**

Slovakia uses a **230 V / 50 Hz electricity system.** Power plugs are type C and E. Visitors from outside Europe may need a power adapter.

- **Weather & Clothing**

Weather in May is usually mild, with temperatures between 15-22 °C. We recommend bringing a light jacket and comfortable walking shoes.

- **Emergency & Health**

**The emergency number in Slovakia is 112.** Pharmacies (“Lekárneň”) are widely available.

- **Safety**

Slovakia is considered a safe country. Nevertheless, visitors are advised to take standard precautions and keep personal belongings secure.

# Department for International Relations

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During the International Staff Week, participants will receive a detailed programme, campus access information, and meeting points directly from the organizers.

We are looking forward to your visit.

*Welcome to UNIZA*

*Explore, learn, and enjoy every moment!*