



BRATISLAVA

VS

VIENNA

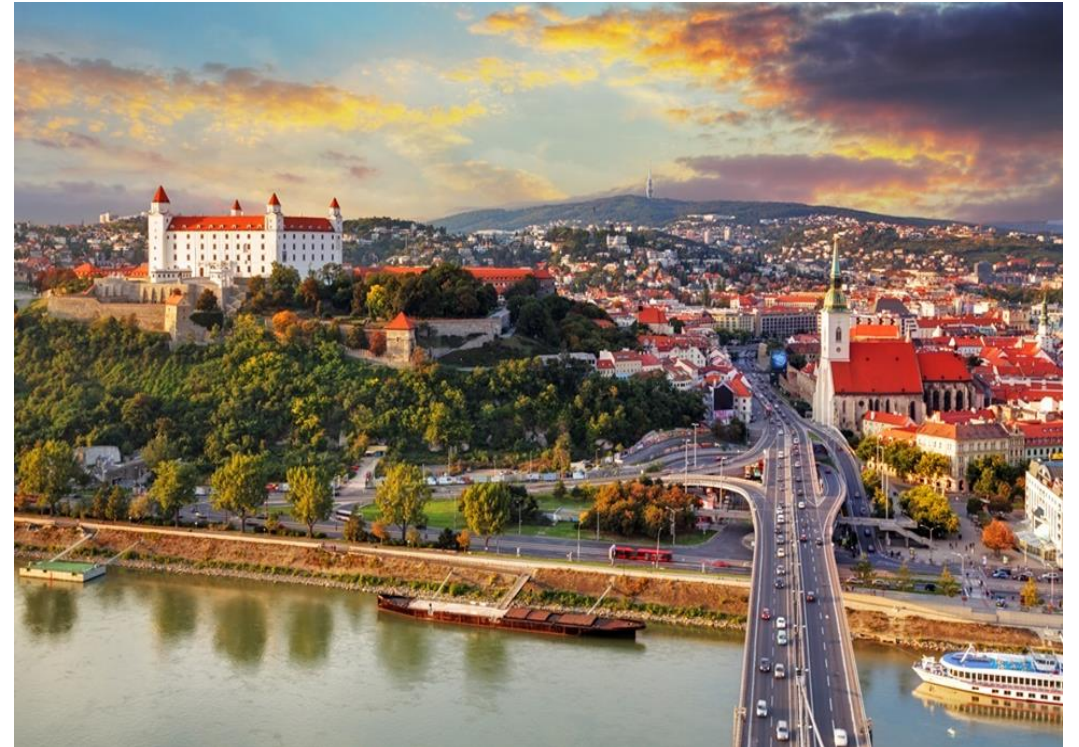
Vienna

Vienna is the capital and largest city of Austria, located in the eastern part of the country. It has a population of around 1.9 million people and is known for its rich history, beautiful architecture, music, and culture.



Bratislava

Bratislava is the capital of Slovakia. It is located in the southwestern part of the country along the Danube. It has beautiful and old architecture. The city is dominated by its enormous castle, which stands on a plateau 100 metres above the Danube.



History of Vienna (early)

Vienna itself was a Roman military camp in the first century, it was called Vindobona. We can still see the ruins of the “settlement” in the center of Vienna where it’s shown to this day. However, the real settlement became in 928 when Vienna was a real city and not a military camp. Vienna expanded quickly and later became one of the biggest cities in Europe.



Brief history of Bratislava

The city of Bratislava was technically built in 907 if we count the Bratislava castle, however, it became a real and important city in 1526 when Bratislava served as the capital city of the Hungarian Kingdom which. The Hungarian parliament continued to have meetings until 1848. After the Austro-Hungarian Empire collapsed, Pressburg was renamed to Bratislava



St. Martin Cathedral

St. Martin Cathedral was built in 1311. The main purpose of the cathedral was to coronate kings and queens of Hungary. One of the most famous person who was coronated in St. Martin cathedral was Maria Theresia. The architecture style is Gothic architecture.



University of Vienna

University of Vienna was founded in 1365. It was built by Rudolf the IV of Austria. The design of the building was inspired by the University of Paris. One of the most famous people who went to University of Vienna are Sigmund Freud, Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk, Max Weber, e.t.c.



St. Stephen's Cathedral

It was built in 12th century.

Over the centuries it underwent several renovations, with the current **Gothic** structure being built in the 14th and 15th centuries.

During the 16th and 17th centuries St. Stephen's Cathedral was the center of many important historical events.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, St. Stephen's Cathedral underwent several major restorations, including rebuilding the south tower which was destroyed during WWII.



Bratislava castle

Bratislava castle was a fortification built in 9th century protect against attacks from tribes

In the 15th century it was rebuilt into a **Gothic** castle, then in the 16th century, it was transformed into a **Renaissance** palace.

During the 17th century, the castle was expanded and fortified by the Habsburgs.

In the 18th century it became the seat of Hungarian diet, and later it served as the residence of the Habsburg emperors during their visits to Bratislava.

During the WWII, the retreating German forces set fire to the castle, causing extensive damage. It was restored and rebuilt in the 1950s and 1960s.

COMPARISON

Bratislava
Slovakia

Vienna
Austria

SIMILARITIES

What did they have in common?

- ❖ Until the 19th century, both Bratislava and Vienna belonged to one territorial unit – Austrian Habsburg Monarchy.
- ❖ They shared the same market and currency.
- ❖ All political affairs affected both of the cities.
- ❖ Bratislava and Vienna were multicultural and international cities. Diversity was value for both of them, as well as cultural life, arts, drama and music.



What do they still have in common?

- ❖ The geographical proximity of Bratislava and Vienna still remains a sort of unique and rare.
- ❖ Cultural similarities are seen in architectonic styles of both cities' buildings.
- ❖ The old Bratislava slang contains lots of words with German origin.
- ❖ Certain specific meals of old days Bratislava are at the same time traditional dishes of Vienna.



DIFFERENCES

In what aspects were/are they different?

- ❖ Vienna has a reputation as *Bratislava's bigger, more famous and historically more important sister*.
- ❖ Vienna is more famous among tourists, attracts a wider range of guests and has a more profitable tourism.
- ❖ Vienna is not only cleaner, but, in general, much more advanced; while is also more expensive (that's why some prioritize Bratislava).
- ❖ Coffee and café culture still dominates in Vienna; while in this city, the citizens are much more willing to invest their money into culture and arts.

