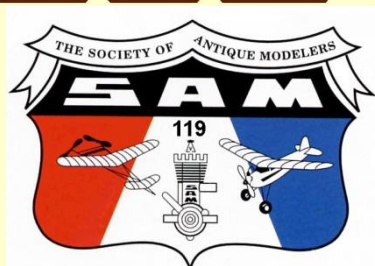


BULLETIN



XV.

SAM RC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

NITRA - SLOVAKIA

18.-23.VI.2017



Dear friends-fans of antique models !

A year has flown by, and all of us are enthusiastically awaiting our regular European meet, which we proudly call the European Championship. The upcoming event is already the 15th anniversary, so we can consider it something of a minor jubilee. We are gratefully following in the footsteps of Domenico Bruschi, the “Godfather” of European Championship, who organized of the inaugural event in Italy.

The European Championship has been held at a variety of illustrious locations:

1. EUROCHAMP SAM 2003 - Vergiano, ITALY
2. EUROCHAMP SAM 2004 - Bad Neustadt, GERMANY
3. EUROCHAMP SAM 2005 - Dvůr Králové, CZECH REPUBLIC
4. EUROCHAMP SAM 2006 - Valle Gaffaro, ITALY
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6. EUROCHAMP SAM 2008 - Valle Gaffaro, ITALY
7. EUROCHAMP SAM 2009 - Suhl, GERMANY
8. EUROCHAMP SAM 2010 - Jeseník, CZECH REPUBLIC
9. EUROCHAMP SAM 2011 - Torracchia, SAN MARINO
10. EUROCHAMP SAM 2012 - Dubnica nad Váhom, SLOVAKIA
11. EUROCHAMP SAM 2013 - Jakabszállás, HUNGARY
12. EUROCHAMP SAM 2014 - Valle Gaffaro, ITALY
13. EUROCHAMP SAM 2015 - Ivančice, Czech Heaven, CZECH REPUBLIC
14. EUROCHAMP SAM 2016 - Cerfontaine, BELGIUM
15. EUROCHAMP SAM 2017 - Nitra, SLOVAKIA

At the 2014 meeting in Valle Gaffaro, the European Committee designated Hungary as the organizer of the 2018 European Championship, and last year Italy applied to organize the 2019 European Championship.

This year's competition will be governed by the new EC SAM Rules. I would ask all would-be participants of this year's 15th European Championship of SAM RC Models to review thoroughly the current Rules one more time, so that we can minimize potential disagreements in the heat of the contest. The current Rules has been approved by the European Committee in Cerfontaine in Belgium, and will be valid until 2020. Slovakia is organizing the European Championship for the third time. As an old Slovak saying goes, “Good fortune visits three times”, and I sincerely hope that it indeed will be so. I am glad that attendees will be able to visit the historic city of Nitra and thus get to know another part of Slovakia, after past events in Boleráz-Kličovany and in Dubnica. We have done and will continue to make all the arrangements to make you feel most welcome when visiting us, in Nitra, in Slovakia. I eagerly await and sincerely look forward to your visit.

With best regards,
Fero Swiety

Vážení priatelia historických modelov !

Rok sa s rokom stretol, a my všetci už netrpezlivo očakávame naše pravidelné európske stretnutie, ktorému hrdo hovoríme Majstrovstvá Európy. Tentokrát je to už pätnásty ročník, dá sa povedať že už je to také malé jubileum. Za zrod tohto úžasného podujatia môžeme ďakovať krstnému otcovi Majstrovstiev Európy, Domenicovi Bruschimu, keď prvé ME zorganizoval v Taliansku.

Postupnosť miesta konania bola nasledovná:

- 1. EUROCHAMP SAM 2003 = TALIAANSKO, Vergiano*
- 2. EUROCHAMP SAM 2004 = NEMECKO, Bad Neustadt*
- 3. EUROCHAMP SAM 2005 = ČESKÁ REPUBLIKA, Dvůr Králové*
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Na schôdzi európskeho výboru v roku 2014 vo Valle Gafaro, bolo ešte poverené organizáciou ME v roku 2018 Maďarsko, a na organizáciu v roku 2019 sa už v minulom roku prihlásilo Taliansko.

Tohtoročné Majstrovstvá Európy budú podľa novo upravených pravidiel. Prosím všetkých čo uvažujú nad účasťou na XV. Majstrovstvách Európy SAM RC modelov, aby si ešte raz dôsledne prečítali aktuálne pravidlá, aby nedochádzalo ku konfliktným situáciám. Tieto pravidlá sú platné do roku 2020, po schválení Európskym výborom v Belgickom Cerfontaine.

Slovenská Republika organizuje majstrovstvá po tretí krát, a u nás na Slovensku sa hovorí „do tretice všetko najlepšie“, tak dúfam a verím že to tak aj bude. Som rád že spoznáte opäť ďalší kúsok nášho Slovenska, po Bolerázi, Dubnici aj historické mesto Nitra. Urobili sme a ešte urobíme všetko pre to, aby ste sa u nás na Slovensku, v Nitre, cítili čo najlepšie. Srdečne Vás očakávam, a teším sa na stretnutie.

*S pozdravom
Fero Swiety*

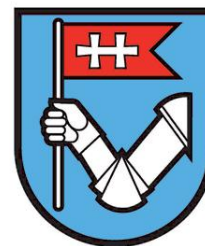
ORGANIZER / *USPORIADATEĽ*

LMK Nitra

SAM119

under the auspices of Nitra town

pod záštitou mesta Nitra



MESTO NITRA
CITY OF NITRA



THE ORGANIZING TEAM / *ORGANIZAČNÝ TÍM*

Contest director / *riaditeľ súťaže*

Fero Swiety

Manager for gas powered models

manager pre modely so spaľovacími motormi

Laco Učňay

Manager for gliders and electric motor powered models /

manager pre vetrone a elektrolety

Milan Ďuriš

Manager for the internal organization /

manager pre vnútornú organizáciu

Pali Rábek

Ludo Pec

Manager of timekeepers /

manager časomeračov

Jozef Sedlár

SCHEDULE: / *PROGRAM* :

18. 6. 2017 Sunday / <i>nedeľa</i>	10:00 - 19:00	Registration / <i>Registrácia</i>
	18:00 - 20:00	International Committee Meeting
19.6.2017 Monday / <i>pondelok</i>	08:00 - 09:00	Official opening / <i>slávnostné zahájenie</i>
	09:00	Briefing
	09:30 - 17:00	SPEED 400 NMR 2,5 ELEKTORUBER
	17:00	Fly off
	18:00	Award ceremony / <i>odovzdávanie cien</i>
20.6.2017 Tuesday / <i>utorok</i>	09:00	Briefing
	09:30 - 17:00	OTVR OTMR AB
	17:00	Fly off
	18:00	Award ceremony / <i>odovzdávanie cien</i>
21.6.2017 Wednesday / <i>streda</i>	09:00	Briefing
	09:30 - 17:00	ELOT 1/2 TEXACO NMR
	17:00	Fly off
	18:00	Award ceremony / <i>odovzdávanie cien</i>
22.6.2017 Thursday / <i>štvrtok</i>	09:00	Briefing
	9:30 - 17:00	TEXACO OTMR C ALOT
	17:00	Fly off
	18:00	Award ceremony / <i>odovzdávanie cien</i>
	19:00	Banket / Official ending
23.6.2017 Friday / <i>piatok</i>	Reserve day / <i>náhradný deň</i>	

THE VENUE: / *MIESTO KONANIA*:

Airport Nitra / *Letisko Nitra* : <http://www.airportnitra.sk/sk/index.html>

Location: Airport Nitra is situated in a small village caled "Janíkovce", only 5 km south-east of Nitra town, Western Slovakia.

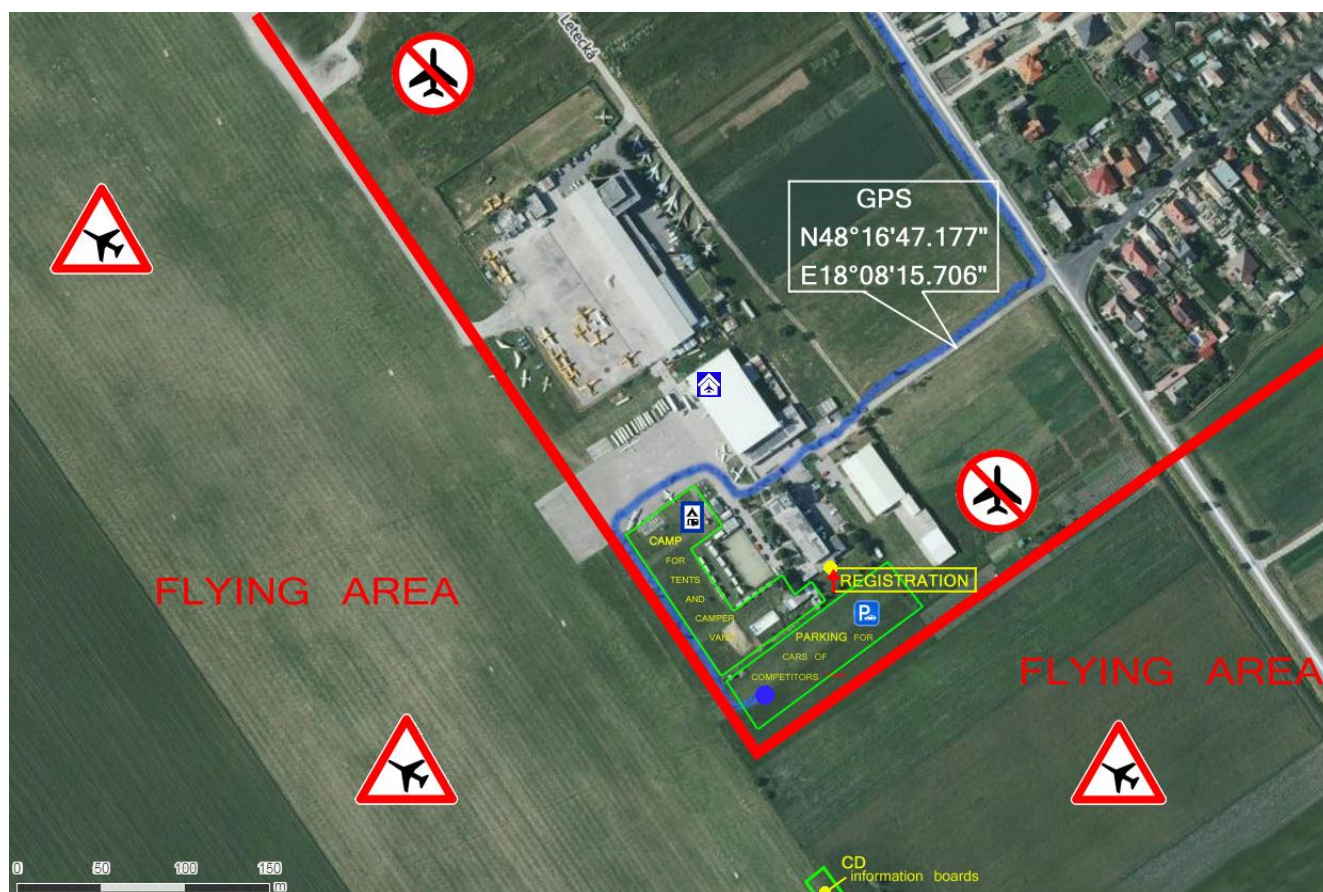
*Poloha: Letisko Nitra sa nachádza v obci Janíkovce,
5 km juhovýchodne od mesta Nitra, Západné Slovensko.*



GPS coordinates / *GPS súradnice* : N 48° 16' 47.177" E 18° 08' 15.706"

At Google maps / *na Google mapách* :

<https://www.google.sk/maps/dir//Letisko+Nitra/@48.2836342,18.0836388,15221m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x0:0x1cf9554eca45104!2m2!1d18.1331273!2d48.2802355>



PICTURES FROM AIRPORT: / *OBRÁZKY Z LETISKA:*



Control Tower / *riadiaca veža*



tennis court / *tenisový kurt*



Aero Bistro from outside / *Aero Bistro z vonka*



Aero Bistro from inside / *Aero Bistro z vnútra*



Nitra's beer „CORGOŇ“ / *nitrianske pivo „CORGOŇ“*

International Airport Nitra - Janíkovce (ICAO abbrev. LZNI) is situated approx. 3km south direction of the town of Nitra, near by a small village - Janíkovce. The airport has an elevation 135 m above sea, operational grass surfaced runway which is orientated in direction 150/330 degrees. The runway is approx. 1200 m long and is suitable for the aircrafts up to 5600 kg of maximum weight. A local information radio frequency is 123.4 MHz.

Medzinárodné letisko Nitra - Janíkovce (ICAO skratka LZNI) leží približne 3 km južne od mesta Nitra, vedľa obce Janíkovce. Letisko má nadmorskú výšku 135 m, k dispozícii má trávnatú vzletovú a pristávaciu dráhu orientovanú v smere 150/330 stupňov. Dráha je dlhá cca. 1200 m a je usporiadaná pre prevádzku lietadiel do maximálnej vzletovej hmotnosti až 5600 kg. Informačná frekvencia letiska je 123.4 MHz.



Airport Nitra is operated by Aeroclub Nitra. You can find here two more companies except the club: Aero Slovakia (aerial works) and Aeropro (producer of an ultralight planes „Eurofox“).

Letisko je prevádzkované Aeroklubom Nitra. Okrem klubu tu pôsobia dve spoločnosti: Aero Slovakia (letecké práce) a Aeropro (výrobca ultraľahkých lietadiel „Eurofox“).



At the airport will be the opportunity to tour production facilities Aeropro, a tour of the museum aircraft Aero Slovakia, and here at airport you can see also a flying car Aeromobil = the unique in the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzYb68qXpD0>

Na letisku bude možnosť prehliadky výrobných priestorov Aeropro, prehliadku múzea lietadiel Aero Slovakia, a vidieť tu môžete aj svetový unikát lietajúce auto Aeromobil.

Participants of the European Championship can undertake scenic flights

Price: 3 persons / 20 minutes / 70,- EUR

individual with you arrangement with pilots you can flying over the High Tatras

Pripravené sú aj vyhlídkové lety, cena: pre 3 osoby na 20 minút = 70,- EUR (individuálne si môžete dohodnúť aj výlet napríklad nad Vysoké Tatry)

CONTESTANT REGISTRATION: / *REGISTRÁCIA SÚŤAŽIACICH:*

completed „competitor application form“ together with the completed „model application form“ in participating categories, should be sent at e-mail address:

fero@swiety.sk

or postal address:

František SWIETY
Cintorínska 7
927 05 ŠAĽA
SLOVAKIA

if necessary - cell phone : 00421 905 339 894

The deadline for applications is May 15, 2015.

The entry fee is set at EUR 10 for each model.
Payment will be done at registration

vyplnený „prihlasovací formulár súťažiaceho“ a „prihlasovací formulár na model“ v kategórii s ktorými sa ME zúčastníte, zasielajte na e-mailovú adresu:

fero@swiety.sk

alebo poštovú adresu:

*František SWIETY
Cintorínska 7
927 05 ŠAĽA
SLOVAKIA*

V prípade nutnosti - mobil: 00421 905 339 894

Uzávierka prihlášok je 15.5.2017

*Štartovné je stanovené na 10 EUR za každý model.
Úhrada bude prebiehať pri registrácii.*

Slovakia – a country in Central Europe

Thanks to the optimum position in the heart of the European continent, the venue of XV. European Championship is easily accessible.

You can easily reach Nitra by car. Motorways and expressways are part of the European network of international routes. Electronic vignette is a charge for using the specified road sections of motorways and expressways. E-vignettes can be purchased at gas stations, or through a web portal www.eznamka.sk

Prices of electronic vignettes for vehicles up to 3.5 t:
10-days: 10,- € 30 days: 14,- € one year: 50,- €



Slovensko – krajina v strede Európy

Vzhľadom k optimálnej polohe v strede európskeho kontinentu, je miesto konania ME jednoducho dostupné.

Do Nitry sa dá pohodlne pricestovať autom. Diaľnice a rýchlostné cesty sú súčasťou európskej siete medzinárodných ciest a od 1.1.2016 sú spoplatnené elektronickými diaľničnými známami. E-znamky je možné si zakúpiť na čerpacích staniciach, alebo cez internetový portál www.eznamka.sk

Ceny elektronických diaľničných známk pre motorové vozidlá do 3,5 tony:
10-dňová / 10,- € 30-dňová / 14,- € Ročná / 50,- €

video 7 facts about Slovakia :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNWFg14yVNU>

accommodation possibilities / *možnosti ubytovania*

for example / *napríklad* : TRAVEL GUIDE

<http://www.travelguide.sk/svk/nitra/ubytovanie/>



or / *alebo* : TRIVAGO



http://www.trivago.sk/?iSemThemeld=47860&iPathId=86963&sem_keyword=nitra%20ubytovanie&sem_creativeid=109241653608&sem_matchtype=e&sem_network=g&sem_device=c&sem_placement=&sem_target=&sem_adposition=1t2&sem_param1=&sem_param2=&sem_campaignid=295651488&sem_adgroupid=25320951168&sem_targetid=kwd-28051410858&sem_location=9062585&cid=42112002011&gclid=CMvd7pLghNACFTMo0wodFSYNug

also on / *tiež na* : BOOKING



<http://www.booking.com/accommodation/city/sk/nitra.sk.html?aid=373427;label=nitra-08ElcpZxylq9gGslNe9hAwS33442299143%3Apl%3Aata%3Ap1%3Ap2%3Aac%3Aap1t1%3Aneq%3Afi%3Atikwd-28051410858%3Aip9062585%3Ali%3Adec%3Adm;sid=f64dfcbabbe59bbe2904a3c8ffc7fe2b>

You can also choose here - hotels, pensions, hostels /
vybrať si môžete aj tu - hotely, penzióny ubytovne :

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[Hotel Centrum ***](#)

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[Pension Pribina ***](#)

[Rybárska bašta u Hoffera **](#)

[Hotel River ****](#)

[Pension Premona **](#)

[Zámocká koruna u Hofera ****](#)

[Hotel Auto JAS ****](#)

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[Hotel Alexander's ****](#)

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[Pension Vila Aria **](#)

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[Hotel Capital ****](#)

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[Hotel Comfort ****](#)

[Hotel OKO ***](#)

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[Nitra Glycerin Hostel](#)

[Hotel Zlatý Kľúčik ****](#)

[Pension Tofi **](#)

[Pension Pri Mlyne](#)

[Pension Lapáš u Hoffera ***](#)

CAMPING at airport /
ubytovanie v kempingu na letisku



At the airport is possible to use the premises campsite for a tent or a caravan park. There are electrical connections, toilets, showers, swimming pool, tennis court.

Fee for tent or caravan = 10, - EUR per stay

+ Fee 5, - EUR per person per day

Na letisku je možné využiť priestory kempingu na postavenie stanu alebo zaparkovanie karavanu. K dispozícii sú elektrické prípojky, toalety, sprchy, plavecký bazén, tenisový kurt.

Poplatok za stan alebo karavan = 10,- EUR na pobyt

+ poplatok 5,- EUR za osobu na deň

CAR PARKING at airport /
parkovanie áut na letisku



Parking is in reserved, marked area of an airport.

The price for parking = 2, - EUR for one day for one car

parkovanie automobilov je na vyhradenom, označenom priestore letiska

cena za parkovanie = 2,- EUR za 1 deň za 1 automobil

LUNCH at airport / *obed na letisku*



For championship participants is on days 19. 20. 21. and 22. ensure lunch menu at the airport, with a choice of 3 different menus at every day, with serve up in the registration room. Menu price = 4.50 EUR

Pre účastníkov ME je na dni 19. 20. 21. a 22. zabezpečené obedové menu priamo na letisku, s možnosťou výberu 3 druhov jedál na každý deň, s výdajom v miestnosti registrácie. Cena menu = 4,50 EUR



BANQUET: / *BANKET*:

The banquet will be held at Thursday 22.VI. at 19:00 in Starý Biskupský Hostinec = Old Bishop's tavern in Park of Nitra. (7.5 km from airfield, by car about 12 min.) Entrance is 20,- EUR.

Banket sa bude konať vo štvrtok 22.VI. o 19:00 hod v Starom Biskupskom Hostinci v Nitrianskom parku. (7,5 km od letiska, autom cca 12 min.) Vstupné je 20,- EUR.



Google maps:

(GPS : N 48° 19' 10.95" E 18° 05' 11.41")

<https://www.google.sk/maps/dir//Star%C3%BD+Biskupsk%C3%BD+Hostinec/@48.3184588,18.0805257,1698m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x0:0xe5ae f28edfaed79e!2m2!1d18.083808!2d48.321677>

INSURANCE: / *POISTENIE*:

If any competitor happen to cause the damage, the amount, calculated will be demanded. Please, check the expiration date of your modeller's insurance.

Ak spôsobí súťažiaci akúkoľvek škodu, táto škoda bude po ňom vymáhaná. Skontrolujte si či je Vaša poisťka platná.

RULES: / *PRAVIDLÁ*:

All Championship categories will be flying under the existing SAM RC Euro Champs 2017 - 2020 Rules :

http://www.sam119.sk/images/sam119/propozicie_sutazi/originpravidla.pdf

Všetky kategórie majstrovstiev budú lietané podľa aktuálnych Pravidiel ME SAM RC modelov na roky 2017 – 2020 :

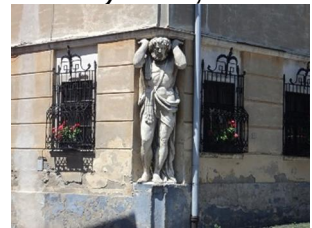
http://www.sam119.sk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=344:2016-11-06-08-49-39&catid=28:pravidla&Itemid=14

we have chosen for you/ *vybrali sme pre vás*

visit the town of Nitra with a tourist train / *návšteva mesta Nitra turistickým vláčikom*



Nitra is one of the oldest towns in Slovakia. Except its rich history Nitra is famous as a centre of agriculture or the town of youth, for two universities are there in the town: the University of Constantine the Philosopher and Slovak University of Agriculture. The most dominant sight of the town is the Nitra castle. Entrance to the castle is from the Upper town. The Upper town is the most impressive part of Nitra, decorated by precious historical buildings, such as St. Peter's and Paul's Church, Small and Big Seminary with Diocesan library with hundreds of valuable books, first prints and manuscripts, Klucha palace, which corner is bolstered by a stone giant Atlanta, who is familiarly called Corgoň by the inhabitants of Nitra. Nitra is currently the fifth largest city in Slovakia. (Population: 80132 (1.1.2016) Territory: 100,45 km²)



Nitra je jedným z najstarších miest na Slovensku. Okrem bohatej histórie je Nitra známa aj ako centrum poľnohospodárstva, či mesto mladých, keďže tu sídlia dve vysoké školy, a to Univerzita Konštantína Filozofa a Slovenská poľnohospodárska univerzita. Najdominantnejšou pamiatkou mesta je Nitriansky hrad. Do hradu sa vchádza z Horného mesta. Horné mesto je najpôsobivejšia časť Nitry, ozdobená vzácnymi historickými budovami, akými sú napríklad Kostol sv. Petra a Pavla, Malý a Veľký seminár s diecéznou knižnicou, v ktorej sú stovky vzácných kníh, prvotlačí a rukopisov, Kluchov palác, ktorého roh podopiera kamenný obor Atlanta, Nitranmi dôverne nazývaný Corgoň. Nitra je v súčasnosti piatym najväčším mestom na Slovensku. (Počet obyvateľov: 80132 (k 1.1.2016) Rozloha mesta: 100,45 km²)



video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwfN2Nt328o>

Trips to the surroundings of Nitra / *Výlety do okolia*

We have prepared for you a bus trip to the thermal spa PODHÁJSKA. (free bus)
The term will be specified. (33 km from the airport)

Máme pre Vás pripravený autobusový výlet do termálneho kúpaliska PODHÁJSKA (autobus zdarma) termín bude upresnený. (33 km od letiska)



<http://www.tkpodhajska.sk/>

You can also visit: / *navštíviť môžete tiež:*

- THERMAL PARK NITRAVA - Poľný kesov
<http://www.thermalnitrava.sk/bazeny/>
(26 km from the airport) / *(26 km od letiska)*



Tips for other trips can be found here: / *Typy na ďalšie výlety nájdete tu :*

<http://www.nisys.sk/www/content/nisys/trips-to-the-surroundings-of-nitra/0/340>

...we are looking forward to meet you !!!
...tešíme sa na stretnutie s Vami !!!

THE ORGANIZING TEAM / *ORGANIZAČNÝ TÍM*



The organizer reserves the right to modify time schedule for the competition.
Usporiadateľ si vyhradzuje právo zmeny časového harmonogramu súťaže.

CHEAT SHEET OF 10 INCREDIBLY USEFUL SLOVAK PHRASES

Zoznam 10 užitočných slovenských fráz

1. *Ako sa máš?* [ako sa mash] | How are you?

We Slovaks really mean it and we expect a sincere answer. Depending on how close we are to you, you should choose level of sincerity / politeness. If we are just colleagues who are not really close, it's okay to say some general information. But if you are my friend, or a closer coworker, I expect to hear details.

The Slovak language is all about being specific and detailed. "I'm fine," just will not do. We want to know why you are fine.

2. *Nech sa páči* [nyeh sa paatshi] | Here you are

Often heard in restaurants when ordering a meal, when being served drinks, or even when someone holds the door for you. It's super confusing, I know! But don't worry; it is just a polite way to say 'There you go.'

3. *V pohode* [fpohodye] | It's cool / It's okay

This phrase established its place in the Slovak language just in recent years. Its meaning connects to anything that you want someone to be cool about. It also means you are saying that something is good, e.g. "This club is *v pohode*."

4. *Jedno pivo, prosím* [yedno pivo proseem] | One beer, please

Slovaks celebrate everything with alcohol. Whether it's just an ordinary night out, promotion at work, or your birthday, one day you will need to order a beer. Beer comes in two traditional sizes: big one (veľké) which is 0.5 litre and small one (malé) which is 0.3 litre. Guys rarely order a small one (just fyi, so be careful when ordering).

5. *Na zdravie* [na zdravye] | Cheers! / Bless you!

This is one of the first things you learn right after you learn to order a beer. You will hear it everywhere when you try to socialize. Every time you have drinks with someone, and it may be even a soft drink like our traditional wannabe Coca-Cola called Kofola. This common phrase is accompanied with toasting glasses against each other: first with top of the glass, then bottom, and then one more slam against table and you're good to drink your beer.

Na zdravie is also phrase that we use when someone sneezes.

6. *Dobrá chuť* [dobroo hut] | Enjoy your meal

Wishing someone bon appetit when he/she is eating is something you can learn from any conversation book or tourist guide. But what do you reply? There are few options ready for this situation. One of them is replying with the same phrase — “*dobrá chuť*.” The other one is “*podobne*.” Its meaning is “Same to you,” however, it literally means similarly. You can also say “*dakujem, aj tebe*” — meaning, “Thank you, to you too.”

7. *Prosím* [proseem]

The most universal word in the world! *Prosím* means please. It also means here you are. It means shock. It means you're welcome. It means I want. It means asking for a favour. It means WTF. It means basically everything that *bitte* means in German.

8. *Fakt* [fucked] | Really?!

All foreigners think Slovaks swear a lot because they hear the word ‘*fakt*’ pronounced as English ‘fucked’ everywhere they go. So what's the matter with us Slovaks? *Fakt* means ‘really’ in a matter of a shock, as in “Really?!” or “Are you serious?!” Slovaks just use *fakt*.

Once I was travelling with my friend and her English fiancé in my car and we were talking about something in Slovak and every other word we used was *fakt*. After five minutes, her fiancé shyly asked “Excuse me, but what does *fakt* mean?”

9. Four levels of Slovak love

Slovaks express their love or affection toward anything in four levels:

1. *Páčiš sa mi* [paatshish sa me]: related to something you encountered for the first time, “I like (how) you (look).”
2. *Mám ťa rád* [maam tya raad]: related to something you already experienced or saw before and enjoyed it. You can like your friend, you can like thai food, you can like pink color.
3. *Lúbim ťa* [lyoobim tya]: first level of “I love you.” You can love your parents, or your boyfriend/girlfriend, your family, your friends.
4. *Milujem ťa* [miluyem tya]: the higher level of loving someone or something (close to adoring) and this is usually used for long-term boyfriend or girlfriend, or husband and wife.

10. *Ja som s tebou husi nepásoľ* [ya som styebow hoosi nyepaasol]

If you need to put someone in their place, this phrase is ideal. It literally means, “I haven't herded geese with you,” meaning, you might be a shepherd, but I'm the boss here. Parents use this phrase on their kids when kids get too rude.