

# Regatta Bratislava 2026

22<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026



# Invitation

Dear athletes, coaches, officials, distinguished guests, and friends of sprint canoeing, Allow me to warmly welcome you to the International Junior and Youth Sprint Canoeing Regatta at Zemník in Bratislava. It is a great honor for me to address you at an event that carries not only sporting importance, but also a strong personal and symbolic meaning.

As a former athlete, I clearly remember taking part in similar regattas in my youth. At that time, the races were held at another lake near Bratislava, where the conditions were far from ideal for an international competition. Nevertheless, we always did our best—just as we do today—to organize a high-quality regatta at a high sporting level. That is why I especially appreciate that today we can compete at the modern Zemník venue, which offers dignified conditions for athletes, teams, and spectators alike.

I truly believe that events like this are the reason why athletes and entire delegations enjoy returning to Slovakia. It gives me great joy to see young paddlers from different countries brought together by the same passion for our beautiful sport. This regatta means a lot to me—not only as an official, but also as someone who once stood on the starting line here, experienced victories and defeats, and gained valuable lessons that shaped my future path.

Very often, competitions like this represent the first major step in a sporting career. I am convinced that among you today are athletes who will one day represent their countries at the highest international events—and perhaps some of you will even go on to win an Olympic medal.

I wish all participants the best of luck, fair racing, strong performances, and memorable experiences that you will look back on with pride, just as I look back on my own beginnings. My sincere thanks go to the organizers, coaches, officials, volunteers, and partners for their commitment and hard work. I wish you a successful and unforgettable regatta. Welcome to Slovakia, and may sport be the winner!



Erik Vlček

Chairman of the Slovak Canoeing Sprint section



Ing. Boris Bergendi

Chairman of organizing committee

## Information about Bratislava

Bratislava is capital city of Slovakia located in the Central Europe. City is well connected with neighbouring capitals and international airports by international highways. Population 520 000. The capital of Slovakia attracts visitors with its rich history and landscape, as well as its modern buildings. Visitors can't miss Bratislava Castle, with its own Historical Museum and surprisingly quaint gardens overlooking the city. Stroll down the picturesque streets of the district under the Castle towards the Old Town, featuring the remarkable St.Martin's Cathedral. This Gothic Cathedral witnessed the coronation of 19 Austro-Hungarian kings and queens, including Maria Theresa, whose importance was felt throughout Europe. The Main Square, extremely rich in historical and cultural monuments, draws visitors in with its charming atmosphere. Here, you can also find several palaces, the Bratislava City Museum, the Old Town Hall, and Roland's Fountain, all serving to enrich the atmosphere. Visit the Primate's Palace, with precious English tapestries from the 17th century and beautiful displays in its Art Gallery. We must mention the nearby Blue Church, an Art Nouveau gem with blue plaster and roof. For sightseeing in Bratislava, you can also hop on the small historical train and explore the entire city, beginning from the Castle and ending in the streets of the Old Town. This train runs throughout the year. On the right bank of the Danube, relax in the oldest public park in Central Europe called Sad Janka Kráľa, which was founded by Maria Theresa. At the end of the park, you will see the suspension Bridge of Slovak National Uprising, whose UFO café offers amazing views of the city's surroundings. Enjoy a trip down the Danube on a sightseeing boat. You can choose from among several different routes, like a cruise around Bratislava, one up to Devín, a cruise on the other side to Gabčíkovo and much more.



## Zemník

Zemník Canoeing Sport Centre is natural course near river Danube suitable for canoeing and rowing. It is located 5km south east of the Bratislava city centre. This course is used for water sports since 2013. It is 2,2km long and 200m wide.



### GPS COORDINATES

Latitude 48.090257

Longitude 17.138144

### Weather Information

The month of May presents moderate sunny weather with average temperature about 18 - 24°C

- Temperature

Daytime temperatures will generally reach highs of around 22°C . At night the average minimum temperature drops down to around 12°C.

- Relative Humidity

The average daily relative humidity for May is around 30%.

- Precipitation

The average monthly amount of precipitation is 50 mm.

- Wind

The average daily wind speed in May is 10 km/h.

The average number of windy days in May is 11.

## How to get to the Venue

City is well connected with neighbouring capitals and international airports by international highways.

### BY ROAD

Bratislava is situated directly on country borders with Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary. Bratislava is well connected to neighbouring capitals by international multilane highways. Within Slovakia, the D1 motorway connects Bratislava to the east of the country (direction Košice, Krakow), the D2 motorway connects Bratislava with Hungary to the south and the Czech Republic to the north and D4 motorway connects Bratislava with Vienna. Entry to venue is from roundabout (Zuzany Chalupovej Street) exit "Hrádza" and follow signs "Slovenská kanoistika".

## BY AIR

If you want to fly to Bratislava, you can choose between the city's own international airport and Schwechat airport in Vienna, which is about 45 km from Bratislava and connected by regular shuttle buses. Regular flights link these airports with many major European destinations.

### Vienna international airport (VIE)

[www.viennaairport.com](http://www.viennaairport.com)

### Bratislava airport (BTS)

[www.bts.aero](http://www.bts.aero)

## BY TRAIN

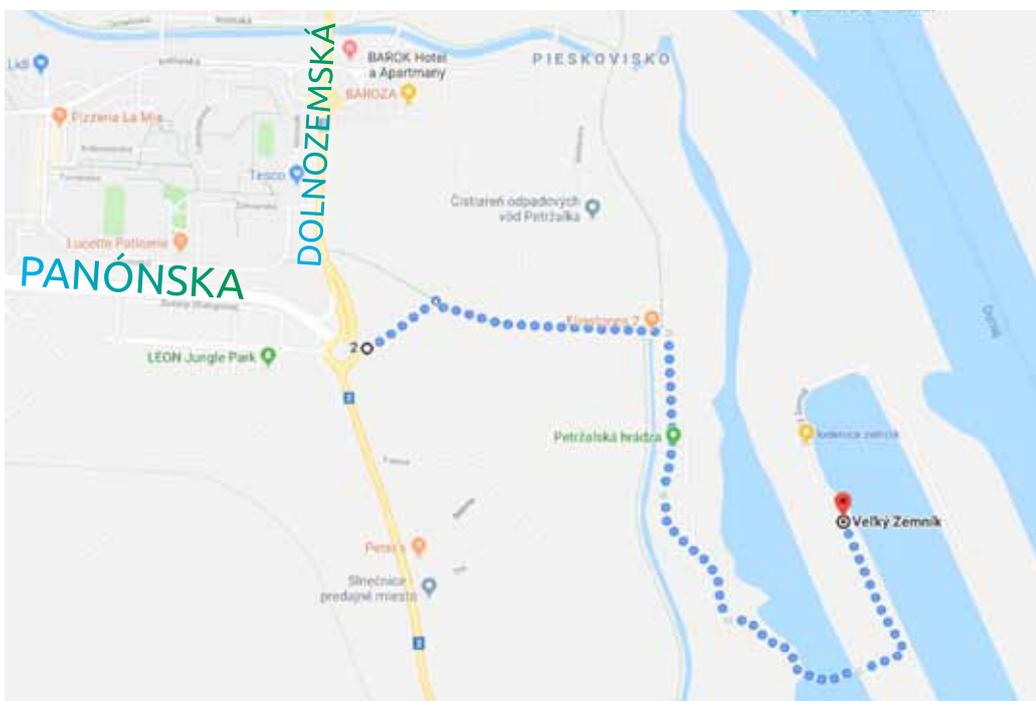
International trains to Bratislava's main railway station run from Vienna (1 hour), Budapest (3 hours), and Prague (4-5 hours) several times a day. There are less frequent direct connections to Berlin, Bucharest, Kiev, Moscow and Warsaw.

The main railway station is a short distance from the centre and there is a good connection to city public transport; alternatively, walking takes 15-20 minutes. Trains from Vienna also arrive at Bratislava-Petržalka Station, which is to the south of the city centre across the Danube River.

## BY BOAT

Perhaps the nicest way to arrive in Bratislava is by riverboat, via the Danube. The Rhine-Main-Danube Canal links Bratislava with the North Sea; the Danube River connects it to the Black Sea.

Cruises along the Danube have been a big hit with tourists for many years. River cruises go to and from Budapest, and a scheduled passenger service, the Twin City Liner, connects Bratislava and Vienna by high-speed catamaran several times a day during summer.



# Visa Requirements

The Organizing Committee will assist in processing Immigration visa applications for all participants of the Regatta.

Type C Schengen visa: entry visa

The visa entitles its holder to enter and stay in the Schengen area for not more than a total of 90 days within a six-month period subsequent to the date of the first entry. This visa may be issued for one or several entries (single entry and multiple entry visa).

Further information can be found at [www.foreign.gov.sk/en/home](http://www.foreign.gov.sk/en/home)

# Customs Regulations

Slovak customs procedures are regularly reviewed and follow European Union legislation, where applicable.

Slovak Canoeing will provide support and guidance to support this process, particularly in connection with licensed Sport and Medical equipment, however, we are unable to guarantee all exceptions.



## Age categories

Kadets (2010-2011), Juniors (2008-2009) and U23 (2003-2007)

### Events

The disciplines of the Regatta will be as follows:

K1	200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m
K2	500m, 1000m
K4	500m
C1	200m, 500m, 1000m, 5000m
C2	500m, 1000m
C4	500m

## Competition programme

**18th May 2026**

Access period starts  
race Course opens for training

**21st May 2026**

Teamleaders meeting

**22nd-24th May 2026**

Official training times with starting machine test

**24th May 2026**

Competition days

Evening access period ends

## Payment

The accommodation and participation fees are to be paid as below:

Hotel reservation deadline is **25th March 2026**. Once the HOC confirms your booking, you will receive an invoice. Kindly note that the booking shall be provisional until the payment of the invoice has arrived to our bank account, hence the HOC reserves the right to alter or cancel the reservation until that time.

With the arrival of the payment it shall be a confirmed reservation. An updated proforma invoice will be sent by the HOC verifying the arrival of your transfer to our bank account.

Participation fee (for those who booked their accommodation on their own and not through the HOC) has to be paid upon the proforma invoice sent by the HOC. Please, keep the deadline of submitting the nominal entry **14th May 2026**.

30% of the total cost of the reservation must be paid after receiving of the proforma invoice to secure reservation.

75% of the total cost of the reservation must be paid **14th April 2026**.

100% of the total cost of the reservation must be paid until **29th April 2026**.

## CANCELATION TERMS:

In case of cancellation of the booking, a charge will be made equivalent to any loss suffered by the Organizing Committee:

The amount of any cancellation fee will be calculated as a percent of the accommodation package fee according to the following period of notice given:

no cancellation fee if cancelled until **25th March 2026**

30% cancellation fee if cancelled until **14th April 2026**

50% cancellation fee if cancelled until **29th April 2026**

100% cancellation fee if cancelled after **29th April 2026**

The participant's fees are to be paid after team leaders meeting and before the competition via bank, only in EUR:

Beneficiary: Slovenska kanoistika, Olympijské námestie ,831 04 Bratislava

Bank: Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.

IBAN: SK64 0900 0000 0051 2488 5114

## Participation Fee and Services

Participation fee:

All participants (athletes, coaches, attendants, etc.) have to pay a participation fee of 30€/day, that includes:

- Medical care at the course
- Fees for the use of the regatta course and its facilities

The participation fee does NOT include:

- Transfer from and to the Airport

In case accommodation is booked through the HOC, then all team members of that national federation will not have to pay a participation fee as it is already included in the accommodation price.

## Deadlines for submitting

In order to assure a very good organization and accommodation we would be obliged if you could confirm your participation by filling forms on our website (<https://regatta.canoe.sk>):

- Preliminary entry form, hotel reservation / request for boats: until **25th March 2026**
- Team registration without hotel booking: until **14th April 2026**
- Rooming list: until **29th April 2026**
- Airport transport reservation: until **29th April 2026**
- Nominal Entries: until **14th May 2026**

**After the deadline of nominal entries every change will be charged by 2,- € / one change.**

## Traning before competitions

For teams coming not only from overseas we will be able to arrange for training camp before (or after) the competition. Please contact [hujsova@canoe.sk](mailto:hujsova@canoe.sk).

## Boat rental

A limited number of boats can be rented. your request must be send till 25th March 2026 in the online preliminary form. After this date it could be a problem to provide boats. The fee will be 60 EUR per single boat and day, 70 EUR per double boat and day and 100 EUR per K4/C4 and day.

## Description of Competition Venue and sport infrastructure



### LEGEND

- 1 – BUS STOP
- 2 – CATERING TENT
- 3 – TRAILERS PARKING
- 4 – TEAM CARS PARKING
- 5 – WC

- 6 – TEAM TENTS
- 7 – POST-RACE BOAT CONTROL
- 8 – BOAT STORAGE
- 9 – PRE-START BOAT CONTROL
- 10 – FOOD AND BEVERAGES, RETAIL
- 11 – GRAND STAND
- 12 – FIRST AID

- 13 – FINISH TOWER  
FIRST FLOOR: ACCREDITATION /  
BOAT NUMBERS / VIP  
SECOND FLOOR: CHIEF OFFICIAL /  
PHOTO FINISH / TIMING & SCORING
- 14 – WATER ENTRY/EXIT

## Services for Athletes

The following services will be provided to all accredited athletes and team personnel:

Athlete's Village  
Boat Storage  
Rest Room

Medical during competition  
Car Parking  
Drink Water during competition  
Flatwater Training

## Type and standards of accommodation

### Accommodation for athletes and teams

Accommodation costs per person/night, including full board.

**Category 1:** (4\*/3\* superiors hotels) single 175€/person, twin 130€/person



**Category 2:** (3\* hotels) single 160€/person, twin 105€/person



**Category 3:** (standard 2\* hotel) single 130€/person, twin 90€/person



**Category 4:** (bungalows) single 110€/person, twin 90€/person, multiple 80€/person



## Catering

Team who will book accommodation through the organising Committee will have 3 meals per day. Lunch will be the first meal, if the team will arrive to the venue until 13:00 and will confirm in the booking form. Breakfast will be last meal if departing on Monday morning.

Breakfast and dinner will be served in teams hotel.

Lunch will be served at the venue.

Lunch at the venue for those who did not book accommodation will be 15€ and must be booked prior to the arrival.

## Parking

Each team will receive one parking pass for one trailer and one accredited vehicle. Additional parking for extra fee is limited for maximum one car per country based on first come first served.

## Airport Transport for all participants

Bratislava airport 15€/person (both ways)

Vienna airport 35€/person (both ways)

Groups up to 3 person will have a special customised price.

For further information at [hujsova@canoe.sk](mailto:hujsova@canoe.sk)

Airport transfer fee includes local transportation.



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