

Discover the charm of Vienna and Bratislava in five days (by car)



If there is one thing about the main capitals of Europe, it's that they are very close to each other. That's why, when planning a trip in this region, it's always a good idea to visit more than one city. In this case, Vienna and Bratislava, the capitals of Austria and Slovakia, are only about 80 km apart.

Many people wonder what the best way is to explore both cities in a short time. It's actually very simple. Renting a car is a great option, since it allows you to enjoy the landscapes along the European roads and, of course, stop whenever you want, whether it's to take pictures or just have a break at a café on the way. So pack your bags and get ready to discover everything these two places have to offer.

First stop: Vienna



Accommodation and main attractions

Known as the capital of music, Vienna offers a wide variety of things to do and interesting places to visit. It stands out as one of the most elegant cities in Europe, with a very rich historical heritage, full of art galleries and museums.

It's also where you can find some of the best places to stay. The most recommended area is Innere Stadt, known as the heart of Vienna. Staying here is ideal because the main attractions, restaurants, and public transport are all very easy to access.

When it comes to the main sights, if you don't have much time, it's best to focus on the essentials. One of them is Schönbrunn Palace, one of the most iconic places in the Austrian capital, where the imperial family used to spend their summer holidays. Its style is very impressive, with many rooms decorated in rococo style.

Another must-see is Belvedere Palace, a baroque building that houses *The Kiss*, one of the most important paintings in history, created by Gustav Klimt. You also shouldn't miss a walk along Ringstrasse, the avenue that surrounds the historic center of the city.

The Vienna State Opera is another highlight. It opened in 1869 and is a must-visit, especially for classical music lovers.

Second stop: Bratislava



Main places to visit

You can leave Vienna in the morning and, in just one hour, arrive in Slovakia, more precisely in Bratislava, its capital. The city is located along the Danube River, and on the way you can enjoy beautiful landscapes with tree-lined paths and views of the Little Carpathians.

Even though Bratislava is not as well-known in travel guides, it has become more popular over the years among Eastern European destinations, just behind Budapest and Prague. It's easy to understand why. The city has a very special charm, with old buildings and small cobblestone streets.

You can explore it in one or two days at most, but to make the most of your visit, it's always a good idea to check the main attractions. St. Martin's Cathedral is one of them, and the visit is free.

In Europe, it's hard to avoid castles. In Bratislava, you can visit Devín Castle, located 250 meters above the confluence of the Danube and Morava rivers. The Blue Church and the Europea gallery are also two interesting places to visit.