



SES bulletin 2018-06-27

Detailed information for participants of Somera Esperanto-Studado 2018, Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia

Thank you very much for registering – we hope that you will find the time to read the information below to be well-prepared for your arrival and attendance in SES 2018.

Note: If someone registered for this event using your e-mail address, please make sure they receive it, as this information will be important to them.



Important information

Participants must follow the organization (E@I)'s instruction during the entirety of the event. Each and every SES participant has agreed to come to the event on their own responsibility and danger. The participants confirmed this by signing the registration. Participants are personally responsible for any damage to their health or belongings caused by themselves or another person. The organization (E@I) is not responsible for damages to the participant's health and belongings related to their presence at the event, SES 2018, or travel and stay at the event's location.

1. Payment

Please remember that your registration is valid only after you have paid the registration fee for the event. Without this payment fee, we cannot guarantee the reservations of your room, food, and additional services. If you wish, you can pre-pay the entire sum, but this is not required. If you have not yet paid the registration fee, please do so as soon as possible.

2. Money

In Slovakia, the currency used is the euro (abbreviated EUR). During SES, we will accept on-site payment *only* in euros. There are currency exchange office in the town center. There are several ATMs, the closest is in the supermarket Kaufland, around 8 minutes away from the SES venue. During the event, it will be possible to buy items from the snack bar or from the book service, but only in euros.

3. Arrival/Departure

The event begins on the afternoon of July 14th (you can arrive at any time starting at 2 PM), and ends on the afternoon of July 22nd, at 1 PM. If you need to arrive one night earlier, or stay for a few days after the end of SES, you can do so for an additional fee. If you would like to stay for additional nights, you must inform us as soon as possible so we can book it for you.

Address of the SES venue

SES 2018 will take place in a school housing whose full address is:

Rekreačné zariadenie Demänovka pri SOŠ polytechnickej

Demänovská cesta 669

031 01 Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia

(More information at <https://ses.ikso.net/2018/loko.php>)

How to reach the SES venue

Liptovský Mikuláš is a town located in a beautiful mountain region, about 210 km from the Slovak capital Bratislava.

Liptovský Mikuláš is well-connected with Bratislava and other important cities of Slovakia: it is located on the railway connecting Bratislava with Trnava, Trenčín, Žilina, Poprad, Košice, etc. The trip by train from Bratislava takes three or four hours. To find connections, see the website www.cp.sk (you can change the website language to English or German at the bottom).

By caravan

A "caravan" is a group trip by train that allows participants to take advantage of group discounts. A caravan is planned from Strasbourg through Germany (Karlsruhe, Ulm, Munich, Passau) and Austria (Linz, Amstetten, Vienna). You will find more information [on our website](#).

From the airport in Bratislava

Take the bus number 61, which will take you directly to the central train station (Hlavná stanica). The station is the last stop, and the trip takes 25 minutes. From there, you can use the trolley bus number 210 or the bus number 21 to reach the bus station (Autobusová stanica Mlynské Nivy). The trip takes about 8 minutes (3 stops).

You can check all schedules and plan your trip in Bratislava at <http://imhd.sk/ba/>. You can also use the app Ubian to find connections within Bratislava.

You can buy ticket from vending machines at bus stops or in newsstands. If you want to go only to the train station, buy a 30 minute ticket for €0.90. Otherwise, you will need a 60 minute ticket for €1.20. The ticket allows you to change vehicles an unlimited number of times.



From the airport in Vienna (Wien)

There is a good direct bus connection between the Vienna airport (Flughafen Schwechat) and the main bus station in Bratislava (bus stop Autobusová stanica or AS Mlynské Nivy). You can check the timetables and buy bus tickets in advance at <https://www.slovaklines.sk/main-page.html> or <https://cestovnelistky.regiojet.sk/>. The tickets can also be purchased directly on the bus, if there are available seats.

From Bratislava to Liptovský Mikuláš

Trains to Liptovský Mikuláš are frequent, at least one every two hours. Check the best connection for your arrival time on www.cp.sk.

You can buy train tickets in the train station or directly in the train from the conductor, but in this case there is a small additional fee.

From other cities to Liptovský Mikuláš

There are direct trains from Prague to Liptovský Mikuláš offered by the companies [Leo Express](#) and [RegioJet](#). You can find more information on <https://ses.ikso.net/2018/alvenebloj.php>.

From Liptovský Mikuláš (bus and train stations) to the venue

On foot

From the station (the train and bus station are located next to each other), you can go to the SES venue on foot. You can reach it in 30 minutes by following the itinerary indicated on [this map](#).

By bus

The closest bus stop, located right in front of the SES venue, is called *Palúdzka, SOUP*. However, buses seldom stop there. Another close stop is *Palúdzka, KAUF LAND*, directly connected to the station (*Autobusová stanica* stop) by the bus lines 5, 9 and 11 – but not all buses stop there.

You can find more information about buses in Liptovský Mikuláš on the website imhd.sk.

By taxi

You can go to the SES venue by taxi, e.g.:

[City Taxi Liptovský Mikuláš](#): +421 907 87 67 57

[Liptov Taxi](#): +421 907 780 780

The trip costs €2 or 3 – you can share the cost if you are travelling with other people and it will be cheaper and much quicker than by bus.

4. SES venue



On site at SES, there is cafeteria, a bar, and an Esperanto book service.

In the SES venue there is a computer lab open during defined hours (in the afternoon), and free wireless Internet will also be available. You can use it with your own laptop or mobile device (so please bring it if you need an internet connection during the event.)

In the SES building, smoking is not permitted. Please respect this rule, and smoke only outside the area of the building.

Sport equipment (balls, badminton rackets, etc.) is available in SES. There is also a ping pong table on the ground floor. Ask the organizers if you want to borrow equipment.

5. Meals

Meals will take place in the canteen of the SES venue (hall of residence), at the times indicated in the program.

Anyone who did not order meals must arrange for their own food. There is a small snack bar in the school where you can buy snacks, sandwiches, candies and drinks.

There are several restaurants quite close to the venue. You will also have access to a microwave and a kettle (but no stove or cookware) in the canteen.

If you want to order meals but you didn't indicate that in your registration form, please write to ses@ikso.net.

Coffee breaks

During the morning classes, there will be a coffee break with free tea, coffee, and water. Please bring your **own cup** for this purpose. To preserve the environment, we want to minimize our use of plastic glasses and cups. If you don't bring your own mug, you can purchase one on-site for 3 EUR; you can decorate it and use it throughout the week.

6. Shopping

The SES venue is located quite close to the city center of Liptovský Mikuláš. The city center has pharmacies, bars, cafes and restaurants. The closest store is Kaufland, open every day (Monday-Saturday from 7 AM to 9 PM, Sunday from 8 AM to 8 PM).

Note: you can take a look at our [Google map](#) of the city with important locations.

7. Rooms, tents, lecture halls

Two- and three-bed rooms are available in the hall of residence. Every pair of rooms has a common fridge, bathroom and shower. You will receive sheets, but please bring your **own bath towel**. The residence offers simple living standards, so don't expect any luxuries.

If you booked a room with a student discount, please remember to bring your ISIC card or other student ID.

Participants who are **camping** for the week must bring their own tent, sleeping bag, and mattress. You can set up your tent in the courtyard of the SES venue. Those who booked accommodation in the **dormitory** (*amasloĝejo* – a big room where people can sleep) must bring their own sleeping bag and mattress. Participants who are camping or sleeping in the dormitory can use a bathroom and shower in the SES venue.

There will be **no** washing machines in the SES venue.



8. Useful links for travelling and staying in Slovakia

Timetables

<http://cp.sk/> – trains, busses, flights, city traffic, combined bus/train itineraries [sk, en, de]

<http://imhd.sk> – city traffic for various Slovakian cities [sk, en]

Maps

<http://maps.google.com/> [various languages]

<http://www.supernavigator.sk/navigator/> [sk, cs, en, de, hu]

<http://mappy.hiking.sk/> - hiking maps of Slovakia [sk]

Lodging

<http://www.ubytovanienaslovensku.eu/> [various languages]

<http://www.limba.com/sk/slovensko/ponuka> [various languages]

<http://www.prenocuj.sk/> [sk, cs, en, de, pl, hu, es]

Tourist information centres

<http://www.slovakiatravels.com/> [sk, en, it]

Slovak language

<http://slovake.eu> — a website for learning Slovak; it also contains a mini-course with useful phrases for tourists! [eo, sk, en, de, pl, lt, fr, es, cs, hr, hu, ru, ko]

If you need any additional information or advice, please write to: ses@ikso.net.



Programme

9. Teaching

Esperanto lessons will take place in many groups organized by language level, always in the morning (9 AM – 1 PM). A **short self-test** will be sent to all registered participants to divide you into groups. On the arrival day, Saturday afternoon between 5 PM and 7 PM there will be a short test for those who didn't do the self-test.

Total beginners who have no prior knowledge of Esperanto do not have to take the quiz and can instead attend an introductory class with their teachers. For more details ask during the registration



or look up at the programme table in the venue.



10. Additional programs and entertainment

You will find a provisional program in a separate document before the event. It is not yet complete; several more events will be added to the program over the coming weeks. In addition, times and dates of individual programs may change.

On the days with trips, a separate program will be prepared for those who are not attending the trips – lectures, crafts, etc. (information about that will be posted when it is available). In addition, you may spend your free time by participating in other local activities not organized by the SES team, such as playing games, hiking, visits to the city, etc.

Note: Always check the schedule in the SES venue (it will be posted at the reception desk in the main entrance) to get the most up-to-date information about the program schedule. All other sources of the program schedule may be out-of-date during the event.

11. Your contribution

You can make your own contributions to the SES program – feel free to suggest something that you would like to contribute to the official program (singing, giving a talk, teaching the basics of your language...). If you need some kind of special equipment for your program, please contact the organizers in advance.

Your contribution is also welcome during the *International Evening*. If you are interested in presenting your country, culture, or language by sharing a song, a show, music, etc. – please consider contributing! Feel free to prepare your presentation before the event; bring your music or musical instrument, or traditional clothing from your country or region.



Culinary festival (July 16th, 9:00 PM)

Are you interested in the cultures of the world? You will have a chance to know the flavours of other countries. During the international culinary festival, you will be able to taste specialties from various countries for free. For a successful festival, every participant should bring something from their country (snacks, candies, cakes, biscuits, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, etc.).

If you have space in your luggage, please bring something from your country! Famous or unusual things (or both) that you cannot find abroad would be ideal. Every country will have a table to present its delicacies and the room will turn into a market of different flavours.

Pechakucha

What is pechakucha?

Pechakucha is a presentation format with short speeches intentionally limited in their form and duration. The goal of these presentations is to quickly introduce interesting ideas, projects and topics

to the audience. This year we are planning 2 pechakucha sessions: one general and one with Esperanto topics!

Rules of pechakucha

— Your slideshow (created in PowerPoint, LibreOffice Impress, etc.) must contain exactly 20 slides.

— Each slide is shown for 20 seconds, thus your commentary for each slide shouldn't be longer than 20 seconds.

— The total time of the presentation is 6 minutes and 40 seconds.

— Put only pictures on the slides! You can also add short titles.

— Your commentary shouldn't just repeat what is on the slide.

— After the presentation, you will have 6 minutes and 40 seconds to answer the audience's questions.

Send your slideshows to ses@ikso.net! For more information see our [Facebook page](#).



12. Free time

In addition to the official program, you will have free time you can spend as you wish. There are many places to see in Liptovský Mikuláš, you can find out more about them in the tourism information center.

13. Trips

During SES, there will be 4 half-day and 3 full-day trips (more details: <http://ses.ikso.net/2018/ekskursoj.php>).

Half-day trips:

Discovery tour through the town

price: 8 EUR, date: 2018-07-15

High Tatras

price: 15 EUR, date: 2018-07-16

bring good shoes

Pribylina – open-air museum

price: 12 EUR, date: 2018-07-17

Demänovská Ice Cave

price: 22 EUR, date: 2018-07-20

bring warm clothes: the temperature in the cave is freezing



Full-day trips, Wednesday, July 18th (both occur at the same time, you can only choose one of them):

Mount Poludnica

price: 10 EUR, date: 2018-07-18

bring good shoes and enough water

Spiš Castle, Levoča and Poprad

price: 29 EUR, date: 2018-07-18

Bus to the lake Liptovská Mara / Tatralandia

price: 10 EUR, date: 2018-07-18

if you want to go to the water park Tatralandia, you will have to buy your ticket yourself – the pricelist is on [its website](#).

If you haven't yet reserved your place on a trip or you want to change your reservation, please

do so as soon as possible, because places are limited. You can reserve or make changes by sending an e-mail to: ses@ikso.net.



14. Angels

During the event, so called “angels” will help to guide newbies (those who have never attended an international Esperanto event). Angels will have a name-tag with a different color and will be introduced on the first evening. Angels can help new attendees to navigate through SES: suggest useful parts of the program to attend, explain how things work, discuss problems, etc. Angels are usually experienced Esperanto speakers who are familiar with events like this one. Don't hesitate to talk to an angel if you have a question or a difficulty, because they are there to help you!

15. Contacts

If you have any questions or comments, please write to ses@ikso.net.

In general, we ask you to contact us online, but in case of *emergency* during your trip, you can also contact the main organizers by telephone:

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If you use the Telegram application, you can join the SES group where you can chat with organizers and other participants: https://t.me/joinchat/EUXK1z_ufRcbF1H_9AF3oQ

You can also follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SomeraEsperantoStudado/>

See you at SES 2018 in Liptovský Mikuláš,

The SES team