

SES 2019 bulletin

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Detailed information for participants of Somera Esperanto-Studado 2019, Nitra, 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 2019.

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 2019, 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 as well as ATMs. The closed ATM is (according to Google Maps) at the bank Poštová banka, around 20 minutes away from the SES venue ([see our map](#)). 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 12th (you can arrive at any time starting at 2 PM), and ends on the afternoon of July 20th, at 1 PM. If you need to arrive one night earlier, or stay one night 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 2019 will take place in a school housing whose full address is:

*Stredná odborná škola veterinárna
Drážovská 14
950 12 Nitra, Slovakia*

(More information at <https://ses.ikso.net/2019/loko.php>)

How to reach the SES venue

Nitra is a historical town located in Western Slovakia, about 90 km from the capital Bratislava.

Nitra is well-connected with Bratislava by buses. The trip takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. To find connections, see the website www.cp.sk (you can change the website language to English or German at the bottom).

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).

There is no direct connection between the airport and the bus station, you have to change buses at the central train station.

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 [Slovak Lines](#), [RegioJet](#) or [Flixbus](#). The tickets can also be purchased directly on the bus, if there are available seats. The trip takes less than one hour.

From Bratislava to Nitra

Buses to Nitra are frequent, several times every hour. Check the best connection for your arrival time on www.cp.sk. You can buy the ticket directly from the driver.

It is also possible to travel by train, but this takes more time and requires at least one change. 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 Nitra

Nitra is connected by train to Nové Zámky, a town where you will have to change trains if you are travelling from Budapest. You can find more information on <https://ses.ikso.net/2019/alvenebloj.php>.

From Nitra (bus and train stations) to the dormitory

On foot

From the station (the train and bus stations are located next to each other), the way to the SES venue is quite long. You will need 50 minutes to reach it by following the itinerary indicated on [this map](#).

By bus

It is possible to reach the SES site by bus, but there are only two buses per hour, and only one hourly service at weekends and evenings. The nearest stop to the train station is called *Rázcestie Železničná stanica*, while the stop nearest to the bus station is called *Rázcestie Autobusová stanica*. In both cases, you'll need to walk 200 m to the main street (Štefánikova trieda) and cross over. Take the bus no. 2 all the way to the terminus, which is a stop called *Šindolka, Dolnohorská*, about a 15 minute journey. You can see a detailed bus timetable on the website imhd.sk.

By taxi

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

- [Moje Taxi](#) – +421 903 553 553
- [Ledotaxi](#) – +421 911 463 463
- [City Taxi Nitra](#) – +421 904 44 22 55
- [Zobor Taxi](#) – +421 904 92 92 92

The trip costs around €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.

Free wireless Internet is available in the SES venue. 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 addition, there is a computer that can be used freely, in the kitchen for participants who want to cook their own meals.

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 (dormitory building), 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 is also [a café](#) right next to

the school.

There are a few restaurants quite close to the venue. The closest grocery store is CBA, 15 minutes away by foot. There is a small kitchen with a fridge in the SES venue available to participants.

If you want to order meals but you didn't indicate that in your registration form, please write to ses@ikso.net until the 8th of July. After this date, it will not be possible to change meal reservations.

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 3 km away from the city center of Nitra. The city center has pharmacies, bars, cafes and restaurants. The closest store is CBA, 15 minutes away on foot, open every day (Monday-Saturday from 6 AM to 8 PM, Sunday from 7 AM to 2 PM); there are biggest supermarkets in the city center.

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 dormitory. Every pair of rooms has a common bathroom and shower; two-bed rooms have a balcony. You will receive sheets, but please bring your **own bath towel**. The dormitory offers simple living standards, so don't expect any luxuries.

If you have a student discount, please remember to bring your ISIC card or another 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, only in the spot the organizers will show you. Participants who are camping can use a bathroom and shower in the SES venue. It is strictly forbidden to connect cables to have electricity in your tent or RV, but you will be able to charge your electronic devices in the SES venue.

There is one washing machine and a dryer available to participants in the SES venue. They are located in the kitchen for people who want to cook their own meals (on the first floor of the dormitory).

Programme

8. 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, Friday 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.

9. Additional programs and entertainment



You will find a detailed schedule here: <https://ses.ikso.net/2019/img/programtabelo.pdf>
It is provisional and changes are still possible.

On the days with half-day trips, a separate program will be prepared for those who are not attending the trips – lectures, crafts, etc. 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. In the SES venue, there will be a corner for table games, table tennis and dancing mats.

Note: Always check the schedule in the SES venue 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.

10. 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.

Peĉakuĉa

What is Peĉakuĉa?

Peĉakuĉa 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 Peĉakuĉa sessions: one general and one with Esperanto topics!



Rules of Peĉakuĉa

1. Your slideshow (created in PowerPoint, LibreOffice Impress, etc.) must contain exactly 20 slides.
2. Each slide is shown for 20 seconds, thus your commentary for each slide shouldn't be longer than 20 seconds.
3. The total time of the presentation is 6 minutes and 40 seconds.
4. Put only pictures on the slides! You can also add short titles.
5. Your commentary shouldn't just repeat what is on the slide.
6. After the presentation, you will have 6 minutes and 40 seconds to answer the audience's questions.

Send your slideshows to ses@ikso.net!

11. 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 Nitra, you can find out more about them in the tourism information center.

12. Trips

During SES, there will be 3 half-day and 2 full-day trips (more details: <https://ses.ikso.net/2019/ekskursoj.php>).

Half-day trips:

- *City and castle of Nitra (on foot)*
price: 8 EUR, date: 2019-07-13
- *Mlyňany Arboretum*
prezo: 15 EUR, date: 2019-07-15
- *Hike to Mount Zobor*
price: free, date: 2019-07-17
bring good shoes, a cap and enough water
- *Topoľčianky*
prezo: 20 EUR, date: 2019-07-18

Full-day trips, Tuesday, July 16th (both occur at the same time, you can only choose one of them):

- *Bratislava*
price: 30 EUR, date: 2019-07-16
- *Banská Štiavnica*
price: 30 EUR, date: 2019-07-16

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.

13. 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!



14. Useful links for travelling 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://mapy.hiking.sk/> – hiking maps of Slovakia [sk]

Tourist information centres

- <http://slovakia.travel/> [sk, en, de, hu, pl, ru, zh]

Slovak language

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

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

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 2019 in Nitra,

The SES team