

Stroll through the historic city center and the suburbs of Košice, which offer an epic display of art pieces from past decades. Welcome to the east-Slovak metropolis—a city known for hundreds of concrete and abstract artworks by local and international artists.

Explore Košice through an artsy tour of the public areas with this handy and customized map we have prepared for your needs, and discover a plethora of the city's sculptures, mosaics, murals, and the most renowned artists connected to its visual character as we know it today. Did you know that Košice also has one of the largest open-air galleries in Slovakia? The International Sculpture Symposium, held more than fifty years ago, directly contributed to the popularity of the sculpting scene in the city. Only decades ago, many artists created their pieces using metal materials; hence, you can find these in the city during your own city tour.

Take a closer look at these mesmerizing artworks worth your full attention and exploration. Embark on your own tour and learn about the artistic history of Košice!

Take a look at the *chefs d'oeuvre* of Košice

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Fountain Klíčenie

Mária Bartusová, 1986–1987



Immaculata

Tomáš Tornyosi,
Šimon Grimling, 1723



Zodiac Fountain
Arpád Račko, 1995



Češúca sa VI.
Ján Mathé, 1965



Košice's Coat of Arms
Arpád Račko, 1999



Odpočívajúca rodina V.
Ján Mathé, 1965



Július Jakoby
Juraj Bartusz, 1977–1980



St. Urban Bell
František Illenfeld, 1557



Mosaic
Imrich Vanek, 1986

OD Urban Facade
Růžena Žertová, 1965–1968



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1
Zodiac Fountain (Arpád Račko)
Come and sit with your children by one of the most beloved city's fountains symbolizing the 12 zodiac signs. Supposedly, if you touch the symbol of yours, your secret wish will come true. Stop by and blend with the lovely tempo of the local life in Košice.
(PARK NEXT TO NATIONAL THEATER)

2
Immaculata/Plague Column
Discover the details of the Baroque column built as a commemoration of the dark plague times at the beginning of the 18th century. The column's top holds a portrayal of the Virgin Mary—an everlasting symbol of love, kindness, and loyalty.
(HLAVNÁ 68)
(PARK NEXT TO NATIONAL THEATER)

3
St. Urban Bell
Stop to admire the 7-ton tower bell situated right between the Urban Tower and the St. Elisabeth's Cathedral. This original bell (1557) was damaged by fire and reconstructed by Jiří Svoboda in 1989.
(URBAN TOWER)
(HLAVNÉ NÁMESTIE)

4
Július Jakoby (Juraj Bartusz)
Stop by this epic portrayal of an influential Košice-born painter, forever embedded in the downtown's pedestrian zone. Meet Július Jakoby's sculpture and take an unconventional selfie!
(ALŽBETINA ULICA)

5
Coat of Arms of Košice (Arpád Račko)
The Coat of Arms of Košice is a truly special commemoration of the first coat of arms granted in Europe by King Louis I. in 1369, together with the original warrant. Admire its bronze representation in the romantic park by the Lower Gate.
(PARK BY THE LOWER GATE)

6
International Sculpture Symposium and its artworks
Stroll through the largest city park in Košice and admire the beauty and unconventional designs, such as *Slovo* by Dušan Zahoranský, or an extraordinary *Pavilion* by Dan Graham. Find here also some older sculptures from the International Sculpture Symposium held between 1967 and 1974.
(CITY PARK)

7
Radost' (Gyula Kosice)
Stop for a moment in front of Košice's Kunsthalle, the center for contemporary art, with a remarkable art piece by an Argentinian sculptor born in Košice. Gyula Košice is also considered a pioneer of the hydro-kinetic art.
(KUNSTHALLE/HALL OF ART)
(RUMANOVA 1)

8
Facade (Růžena Žertová)
A unique facade piece around the outer walls of the former Prior department store is one of the most distinctive architectural symbols of the city (1968). Admire the pyramid-shaped 3D concrete tiles, which endured not only the passing decades but also several reconstructions of the building.
(OD URBAN, HLAVNÁ 111)

9
Sándor Márai (Peter Gáspár)
Come and take a seat by the renowned novelist from Košice and his authentic replica, pondering in a cozy corner of the city, tucked away from Main Street. The chair next to him is reserved for a quiet and deep dialogue.
(NÁMESTIE SÁNDORA MÁRAIA)

10
Mosaic (Imrich Vanek)
Admire the precise use of colors and shapes of the abstract mosaic (1986) by the Slovak sculptor from Nové Zámky. Find his second piece above the escalators at the entrance to the Dargov Shopping Mall.
(OD DARGOV, ŠTÚROVA 1)
(THE ENTRANCE FROM HLAVNÁ ST)

11
Fountain Klíčenie (Mária Bartusová)
Discover a unique sculpture piece by an author recognized in the prestigious Tate Gallery in London. The fountain *Klíčenie* (1986) behind the OD Dargov showcases her distinctive technique and the usage of compressed air.
(OD DARGOV, ŠTÚROVA 1)
(ENTRANCE FROM ŠTÚROVA ST)

12
Odpočívajúca rodina V. (Ján Mathé)
Take a rest by the colossal sculpture in the northern part of the city—this modernist fountain represents all the author's traditional motifs of family, fetus, and conception. Discover more of his beautiful pieces in the Museum Villa Studio Mathé.
(OC MIER)
(NÁMESTIE JÁNA MATHÉHO 1)

13
Češúca sa VI. (Ján Mathé)
Find Mathé's absolute masterpiece depicting his wife Eva in the days when the couple did not own a proper bathroom. This sculpture portrays a magical motif of a female body while bathing hair in the sink—all captured by the sensitive eyes of the beloved sculptor in the lovely park next to the Sever Polyclinic.
(KOMENSKÉHO 75/37)

14
Rodina (Vojtech Löffler)
Wander through the nearby areas of the Old Town and stop by the sculpture titled *Rodina* (Family) from 1966. Vojtech Löffler, the author of the piece with a museum dedicated to his memory, directly addresses the motifs of family and human bonding.
(PARK ANGELINUM)

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Mosaic (Imrich Vanek)
A monumental and colorful mosaic with typical features and glaze of the sculptor in front of one of the most renowned hotels of the city. Take a closer look at the elaborate circular objects and intense, dark-red tones of this enormous mosaic from 1969.
(IN FRONT OF HOTEL YASMIN)
(TYRŠOVO NÁBRÉŽIE)

16
Murál BEZT & PENER
Set out for a tram ride on lines no. 6 and 9 along the Trieda SNP and discover an epic mural next to the Convention Center. The mural by Polish artists is a direct legacy of Košice being the European Capital of Culture in 2013 and the Open Mural Gallery project.
(TRIEDA SNP 61)

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