



Newsletter

Transdanube Travel Stories

The last months has been an eventful the period for the Transdanube Travel Stories project. The Danube Stories have been finalized and published; you could read about them more in detail in our previous newsletter. In addition, we started to develop new tools to give travelers unique experiences. In order to bring the stories and experiences to life, we have started training sessions and organizing product clubs.

What is a Product club? What are our new tools to give visitors a special Danube experience?

Find out in our newsletter!!!

Come, enter the world of the Danube!

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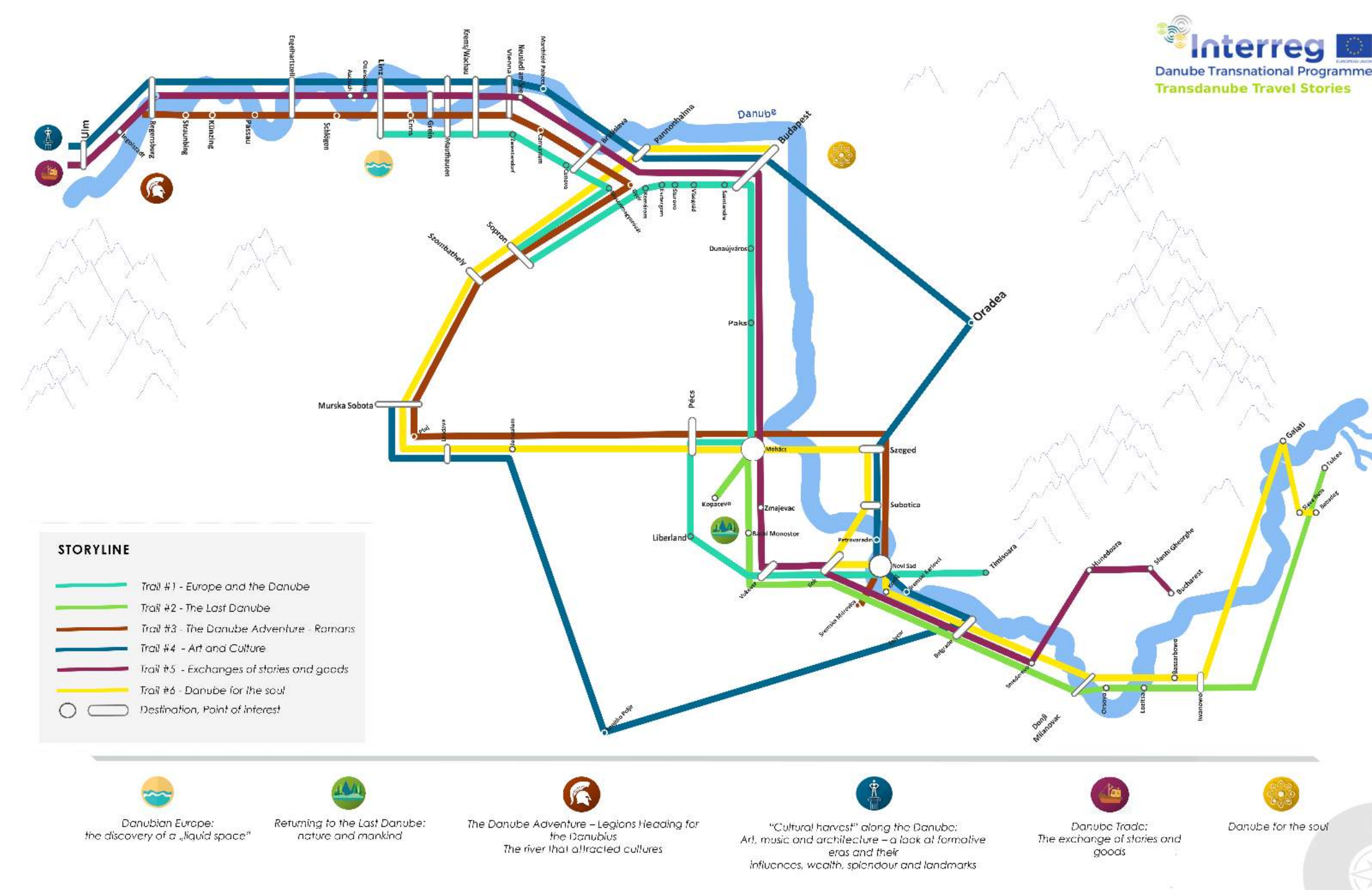
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Read our new Danube Stroies and immerse yourself in Danube's experiences

They present the visitor the sense of a colorful, enticing larger whole, wherever they may enter the story, whatever they may look at, seeding the desire to explore the unknown, to learn the whole story.

In our previous newsletter, we presented our new Danube Stories. If you haven't read them yet or would like to read them again, you can find them [here!](#)

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Danube Stories



New Experiences along the Danube

Sustainable Mobility and Transport at the 4th Partner meeting

During the partner meeting, we discussed how travellers/tourists could use sustainable transport along the routes. The input material discussed included many suggestions for improvement, focusing on the efficiency and usage of the existing infrastructures. To illustrate practical examples, we visited Carnuntum, where we learned a good practice of an experience-oriented presentation of ancient heritage that brings long-forgotten memories closer to visitors

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Carnuntum, long time ago

You can also experience Danube Adventures travelling along former Roman cities and Limes stations, where legions guarded the border regions ensuring peace, prosperity, exchange of goods and knowledge!



Meet the Romans

This new digital tool is linked to our story *The Danube Adventure – Legions Heading for the Danubius*

Virtual Tour along with the Roman Emperors and Danube Wine Route. At this moment, project partners are working on producing a COMPLETELY NEW VR TOOL for all those eager to travel sustainably along the Danube. It will take a visitor on the virtual journey along five different Roman heritage destinations at the DANUBE, in Ptuj (SLO), Pecs (HUN), Zaječar (SER), Alaba Iulia (ROM) and Ruse (BUL). This immersive VR experience, based on storytelling concept that allows complete 360° virtual visits, will be soon ready for dissemination through VR glasses, web and via social media!

Stay tuned!!!

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Let's go back to Roman times! Sremska Mitrovica - Sirmium

Sirmium, once a Celtic, then an Illyrian settlement was conquered by the Romans in 14 AD and grew to become the capital of the Roman province of Pannonia with the seat of the bishops of Sirmium. Emperor Marcus Aurelius occupied one of his headquarters here during the Macromannic Wars. Claudius Gothicus (214-270), Roman Emperor from 268-270 spent most of his life here.

[Watch the video, find out more!](#)



Follow Romans Wine Danube Cultrre route on the [Facebook @romanswinedanube](#)



Nature's Havens on the Danube! DANUBEPARKS' book!



This tool is linked to the *Returning to the Last Danube* - story

More legends and stories, photos and educational content await you in our Danube Travel Stories "Returning of the Last Danube".

From 1285 a terry used to carry people, mainly local farmers, between "Gerolfing and Weichering. One moonlit night Mr. Fischer the ferryman heard a voice calling him over to the other side of the Danube. He crossed over and picked up his passenger, and they set off towards the other bank. As they reached the middle of the river, the boat started to slow down. In the glimmering light, the ferryman saw the man in the boat had a goatee beard. It was the devil himself! In his distress, the ferryman started to pray. All of a sudden, the devil vanished and the ferry floated on its own to the other side."

Do you know more local legends and stories like this one? You can find more in DANUBEPARKS' book: "Nature's havens on the Danube"!

More exciting legends and stories about the Returning of the Last Danube route [here!](#)



Do you know which location is on the video?



Background information

Training and Product Club meeting

Besides developing experience based tourism, we make sure that qualified people are on hand to help travellers on their car-free journeys. So, we have organised a Mobility Manager Training and we launched regional product clubs to ensure that cultural and nature heritage and values are adequately presented.

Product club meetings

The routes are designed to link up attractions and to help people finding their way along the route, while experientially showcasing cultural and natural values. The project Transdanube Travel Stories uses an innovative approach to tourism, by participating project partners creating Product Clubs along each route. Their aim is to bring together key tourism stakeholders for developing and operating new offers and products fitting the Transdanube Travel Stories' narratives and its concept of sustainable travel. Product Club meetings started and will continue during next year! Find out more [here!](#)



Mobility Management Training

Travellers need to travel with ease and have all the information they need. Qualified mobility managers can provide relevant information on attractions and travel options. Therefore, as part of the project, we have defined the core values of a mobility manager and organised training for new mobility managers.

Our project's Sustainable Mobility Management Training was held in Dunasziget and Bratislava between the 27th and 30th of September 2021, where sixteen participants were trained from 6 Danube countries. They had the opportunity to listen to many valuable presentations on the theory and good practices of sustainable mobility and experienced sustainable means of transport combined with a travel challenge in Bratislava.

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What exciting things are still to come in the project?

Danube Travel Challenge

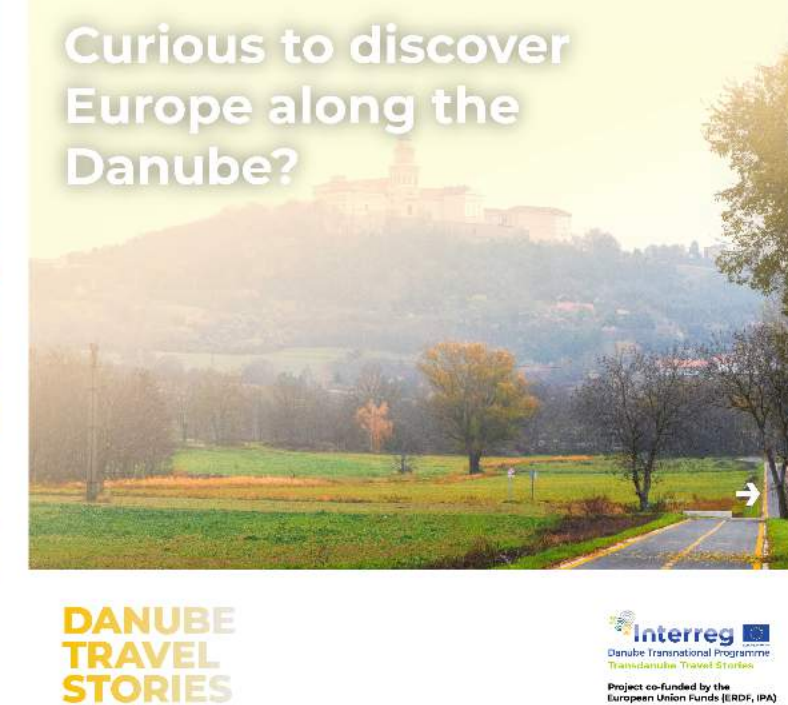
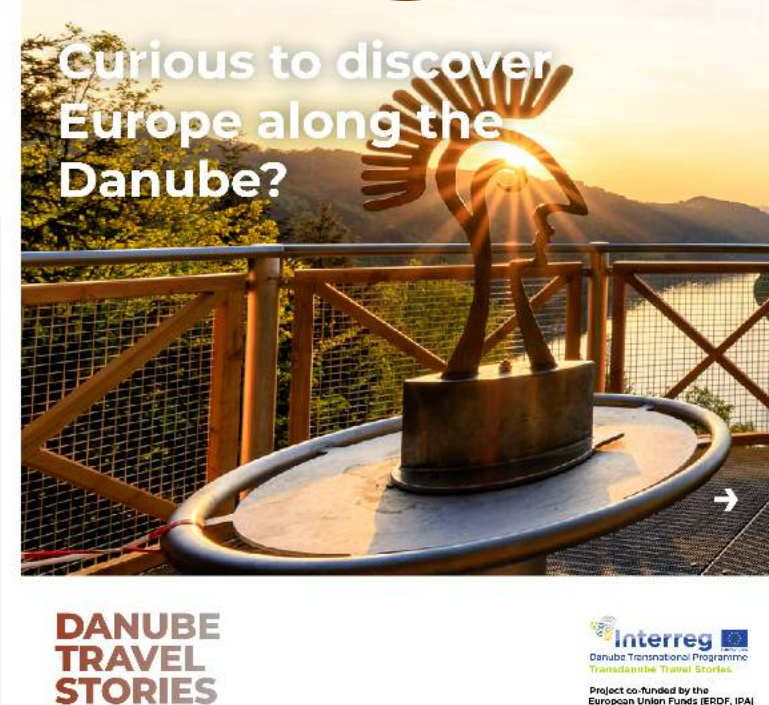
As you could read in our previous newsletter: "Wherever you go, however you meet the Blue Lady, there are thousands of tales about nature, about history, about beauty, about people, and about the whole world. Short tales and long ones, intricate and simple they buzz around us in every glade, every town, on every cycle path, filling the region with colours, sounds and smells of past and future. This treasure trove of tales is what the Transdanube Travel Stories project focuses on."



Discover the natural and cultural heritage of the Danube region with the **DANUBE TRAVEL STORIES**. Find out what role the Danube plays in the history of Europe, its nature, its Roman times, art & culture, trade, nature and spirituality, and look forward to a unique experience.

Choose a topic that appeals to you, travel sustainably and experience the Danube region from a whole new angle. An exciting and unforgettable adventure awaits you and your travel companion. What are you waiting for?

[Apply now and take the trip of a lifetime!](#)



Trail#1: Europe of contrasts

Discover a new, different Europe, located along the Danube River. From its turbulent history to its technological innovations and creativity, its cultural diversity transforms it into a unique, world-class destination.

Trail#2: Nature Love

Thousands of animal and plant species, impressive forests and wild waters - the Danube offers an extraordinary and incomparable natural environment. The perfect route for all nature-loving outdoor fans.

Trail#3: Roman footsteps

Embark on a journey through time & admire the stunning structures along the Danube that have been preserved from the Roman era. Throughout this trip you will visit some special places that are guaranteed to become the next travel hot spot.

Trail#4: Art & Culture

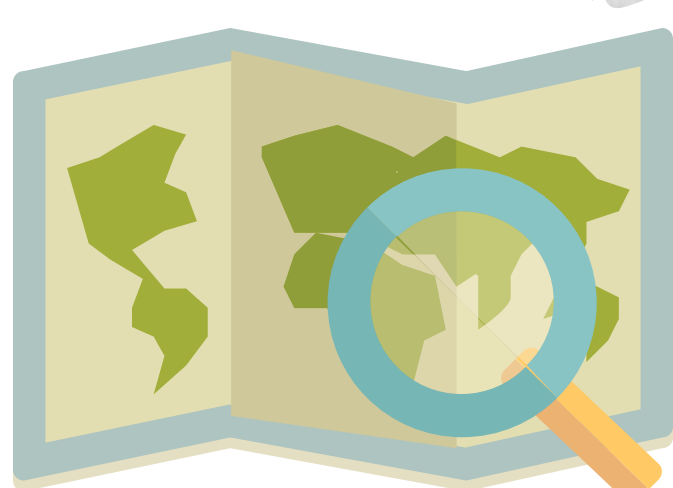
Attention, all art and culture lovers: On this route you can enjoy Art Nouveau buildings, find the oldest flute in the world, discover Chinese influences on Renaissance paintings, but also sit comfortably in a coffee house and talk about literature.

Trail#5: Danube trade route

The Danube belongs to some of the oldest trade routes in Europe. Even during the dark ages, the Danube was used by traders to transport their goods into foreign lands. Find out how the Danube impacted trade routes and experience the then and now..

Trail#6: Danube for the soul

The Danube region has been home to many diverse religions over the years - a place of dialogue, of compassion, and tolerance. Reconnect with your inner self and experience the many spiritual sites along the Danube. An unforgettable experience awaits you.



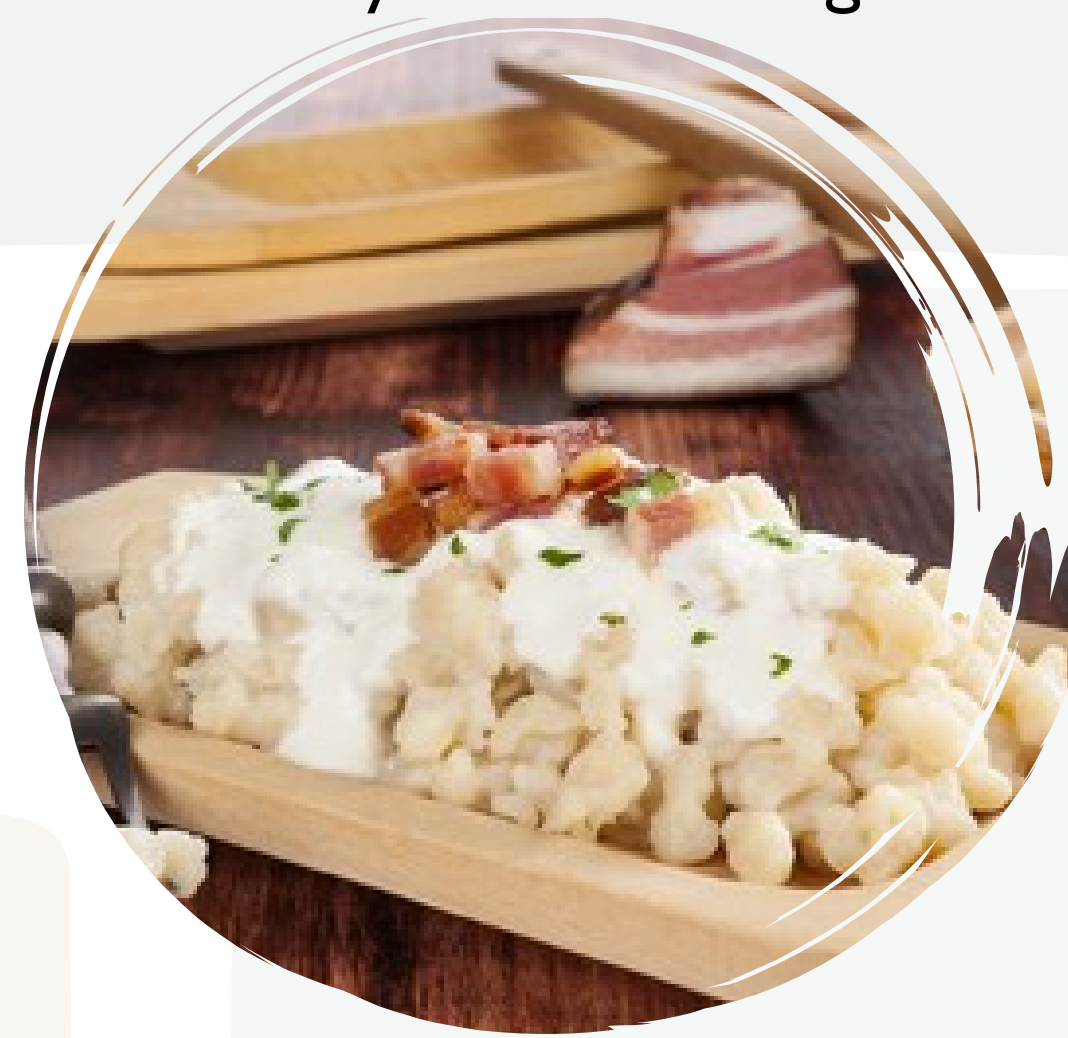
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Danube Cook Book

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Slightly milder than Hungarian, hotter than Czech, Slovak cuisine is rich, caloric, and delicious with lots of dumplings and roast meat, but also famous specialities. Slovakia's position in Central Europe has given it insight and contact with different cultures. Over the centuries, Slovak cuisine has received the influence of its neighbouring countries, the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Austria, and Ukraine. However, the specific specialities of Slovak cuisine stood out from this "European pot." It is most similar to Czech cuisine, but still differs in the greater use of spices, which makes it similar to Hungarian, whose goulash it has embraced and adapted to its national characteristics. Spicy and piquant dishes are balanced by side dishes in the form of dumplings, meatballs, potatoes in many ways, rice, pasta, and the like. The most famous Slovak dishes are potato dumplings, bryndzové halušky, kapustnica soup, fried steaks vyprazane rezne and szegedinsky goulash. Slovak cuisine is characterized by its simplicity, the use of many different vegetables and legumes such as cabbage, cauliflower, onions, garlic, beans, peas, potatoes, and it was all complemented with pieces of bacon, lamb, pork, and poultry. Due to the tradition of shepherding, there was never a shortage of sheep cheese on the table. The best representative of Slovak cuisine is certainly "bryndzové halušky", which are small dumplings with "bryndz" (sheep's milk cheese) sprinkled with fried, crispy bacon cubes. You will not be able to taste "Bryndzové halušky" anywhere else in the world except Slovakia. If you are traveling to Slovakia and want to eat a typical Slovak dish, order "halušky". This dish originates from the Liptov and Orava regions and is today considered the main dish of Slovak traditional cuisine.



Ingredients:

750 grated potatoes
 150g coarse flour
 150 g plain flour
 400 g bryndze –sheep's milk cheese
 200 g smoked bacon
 1 egg
 Salt
 chopped chives or parsley



Preparation:

Prepare a larger pot with boiling salted water. Cut the bacon into cubes and fry it. Put grated potatoes, flour, salt, and eggs in a bowl and mix everything well. Add the prepared dough directly to boiling water using a round strainer, halušky or spaetzle maker. An ordinary perforated strainer can also be used to prepare halušky. Cook until they float to the surface. Then strain. Put the bryndza in a bowl and add the cooked pasta and mix everything. Add a little bacon fat if desired. Serve the dumplings with fried bacon and sprinkled with chopped chives or parsley leaves.

More experience on the Danube!

Additional to experiences collected and developed jointly by the product clubs, each project partner develops its own new tool for presenting them (e.g. VR tool, festival, book etc.).

In addition to the experiences described above, a few more will be created:

- **Taste the flavours of the region with the Danube Cook Book!**

We collected and present recipes of traditional dishes that you can find and taste during your trip. You can relive your Danube memories by preparing and enjoying the best dishes from the regions you visited!

- **We won't let you get lost on your journey - more apps and other digital tools will be developed to help you find your way and show you the hidden treasures waiting on your way!**

