



PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR

A specially arranged tour of Bratislava, the Slovak wine region and Modra has been arranged just for the SVU participants

As a participant in the pre-conference tour, you will be picked up by bus on June 28th or 29th (depending on your arrival). You will then be taken by bus to Zilina on Sunday. Total cost for all transportation will be only \$25/person, thanks to our collaboration with Comenius University.

Tour details on Saturday, June 30th

Tour Program:

9.00am- departure by bus from Bratislava

10.00 – Modra – pottery factory

12.00 – Elesko winery - exhibition, winetasting, Zoya museum (with permanent Andy Warhol exhibit) and lunch

15.30 – departure from Modra

16.00 – Terra Parna winery tour and tasting

19.00 – departure from Terra Parna

20.00 – arrival to Bratislava

The price of the entire day: **99€** per person

Price includes:

- Transport from the hotel to all winetrotters´ stops and back to the hotel
- Guided tour – you will experience the production and design of the Slovak national pottery
- Elesko winery tour guided by winemaker, 6 tasting samples
- Elesko restaurant - 3 course menu + beverage
- Entrance to Zoya museum
- Terra Parna: 10 tasting samples + snack
- Tour is guided by the certified sommelier all day long





1. Traditional Slovak pottery

The beginnings of ceramic pottery in Modra are not known for certain, but they stretch back to the era of the town's inception. Winemaking and viticulture demanded the manufacture of earthenware vessels and cups for wine. A pottery guild was founded in 1636. Between 1870 and 1880 there was an earthenware society called Modra Household Earthenware Vessels. A State Jug-making Works was established in 1883. The town later took it under its administration and founded the Ceramics School, led by Jozef Mičko. In 1911 it was renamed to "Ceramic Goods Finishing Works, joint stock company Žák & Co." Samuel Zoch and Dušan Jurkovič were among the shareholders. In 1923 it was renamed as Slovak Ceramics, and in 1952 as the Manufacturing Association for Slovak Folk Majolica. A number of renowned ceramics masters operated in Modra, and Modra ceramics attracted the highest awards in international exhibitions. Such figures as Heřman Landsfeld and national artist Ignác Bizmayer placed themselves among the great masters of European ceramics.

2. ELESKO

One of the most favourite winery complex ELESKO is located in the beautiful surroundings directly in vineyards near Modra. In Elesko Restaurant & Wine Bar you can taste **"the most home-made"** ordinary food of remarkable quality. Of course Elesko, exclusively attributive wine which is the product of ecological agriculture. The wine tour starts with a **winery tour**, where you can get familiar with the whole process of wine-making, see publicly inaccessible areas and acquire new interesting information from the professional winemaker. After the winery tour there will be a **tasting** led by winemaker as well (you will have a chance to taste grape variety Dunaj – which you cannot find anywhere in the world). On the premises, in the middle of vineyards, on area of 1,000 m² stretches is also a museum of contemporary world modern art- **ZOYA MUSEUM** with the art exhibition of Andy Warhol.

3. TERRA PARNA

As the owner say „ *We do not sell the wine, but the atmosphere and experience that comes with drinking wine*“. Winemakers and wine lovers can **taste the wine** with us directly in the vineyard and at the same time perceive the atmosphere of a wine cellar! (Here you can taste grape variety Modrý Portugal – mentioned also in the book of František Hečko "Červené víno")

Do not miss the chance to experience the real and unforgettable atmosphere of this special wine region accompanied by wine professionals!

