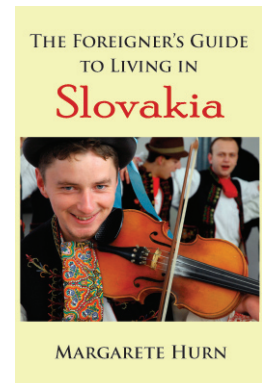




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“Having lived in Slovakia for a number of years, I find this guide informative, practical, an entertaining read and a valuable reference on the essentials of living in Slovakia.” — Jake Slegers, Executive Director, The American Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic



## **A Country Guide to Help Foreigners Adjust to Life in Slovakia**

SAN DIEGO, Calif., - August 1, 2007 — *The Foreigner's Guide to Living in Slovakia*, (Modra Publishing) covers the social, economic, historic and traditional influences on the life and culture of Slovakia in central Europe. Designed to acclimate a traveler to the ins and outs of life in Slovakia, this guide provides more depth than just the basic country facts found in travel guides.

Slovakia has been developing in interest due to its strong economic growth, recently confirmed by its record 8.2 percent growth in GDP for 2006. As Slovakia continues to increase in importance, the need for the variety and depth of information that is covered in *The Foreigner's Guide to Living in Slovakia* becomes more apparent, particularly since there is not a single “culture guide” presently written on Slovakia.

“When I moved to Slovakia six years ago, there were no resources available beyond the basics that could be found in a travel guide written for the Czech and Slovak Republics. Information is still limited. I wrote this guide to fill the void of needed practical information about life in Slovakia.” Said Margarete Hurn, author of *The Foreigner's Guide to Living in Slovakia*.

Having traveled frequently to Slovakia from the age of 15 and having lived in Slovakia for five years, Hurn has been a first-hand observer of the political, economic and social changes that have taken place in the last 16 years. Through her experience writing articles for the European public affairs e-magazine Café Babel and for the newsletter *Slovakia*, she is able to use her understanding as a foreigner living in Slovakia to share her thoughts and experiences from this unique perspective.

Contents of the book include an overview of what defines Slovakia, how history is interwoven with the present day, and topics a person might find unfamiliar or confusing, such as how to read a Slovak public transportation schedule. Other important topics are relocating to Slovakia, which laws a foreigner is likely to need to understand, recreational possibilities, and Slovak foods. Finally, folk tradition and culture is described along with major holidays, social and business customs.

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