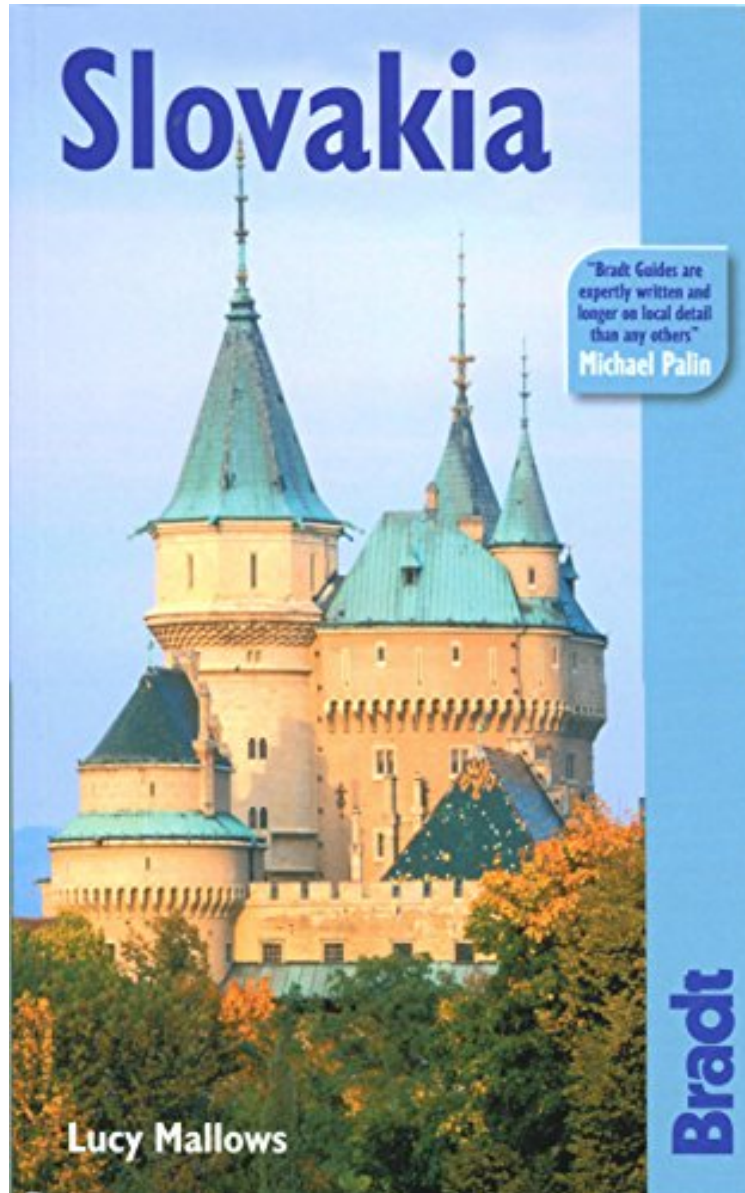


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delivers a brilliantly informative, yet concise guide to aid travelers to this, until recently, wonderfully mysterious destination. Reading it, I got the feeling she must have spent a lifetime exploring every town, valley and craggy peak of this magnificent country, and indeed, she has spent a considerable amount of time there. Who better, then, to introduce the world to one of the most vibrant, yet underappreciated places in Europe? Everything a traveler could possibly need to know is here; from which trains to catch to arrive at a chosen destination, to reviews on hotels, interesting things to check out, places to eat, even things to avoid. Also included is helpful information like important telephone numbers, and advice on how to protect yourself in order to better enjoy your trip. I especially enjoyed her own personal comments, which are sprinkled throughout the book. Slovakia is a gorgeous country with a rich history and has suffered centuries of misfortune and domination, part of which is what drove my ancestors to find a better life in the USA, for which I am very grateful. How wonderful to see that this new democracy is free to embrace its own culture at last and to welcome visitors to come and discover its many hidden treasures. Thank you, Lucy!

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Slovakia is one of the last of Central Europe's secrets to be discovered by travelers, and having joined the European Union in 2004, is now in a better position than ever to show what it has to offer. Impressively situated on the Danube, the capital, Bratislava, boasts stunningly restored baroque, rococo, and art nouveau buildings. Beyond the capital visitors will find a country packed with architectural gems, the renowned wooden churches of the Presov region, imposing fortresses, romantic castles, and medieval ruins--all within easy reach thanks to an excellent transportation system.

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