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European Capital of Culture 2026: Trenčín

Information from Slovakia

Trenčín, as the European Capital of Culture, builds its vision on curiosity. Guided by the theme *Awakening Curiosity*, the city fosters reflection and dialogue between people and communities, bridging the past and future, the local and the global - between where we stand today, and where we aspire to go.

The cultural programme focuses on three key areas of transformation: people, places and culture. It explores themes of public space improvement, ecological responsibility, equality, solidarity, and common European identity and values through 44 projects in artistic and cultural programme, 9 community and capacity building programs, involving more than 160 foreign artists, experts from 40 countries and more than 100 partners. On top of that, 10 infrastructural projects are under implementation.

The international scope of the programme is strengthened through partnerships and residencies welcoming artists from across Europe and wider. Strong emphasis is also placed on volunteering and community engagement, encouraging participation across the generations. All these aspects co-create the City of Trenčín as the European Capital of Culture. The opening ceremony is scheduled for the weekend of 13-15 February 2026.
