



## **PETRŽALKA EDUCATIONAL TRAIL**

serving the citizens and visitors of Petržalka since 2023.

By crossing the Petržalka educational trail you will get to know the unique historical, natural and social locations of the largest city part of Bratislava

**Welcome!**

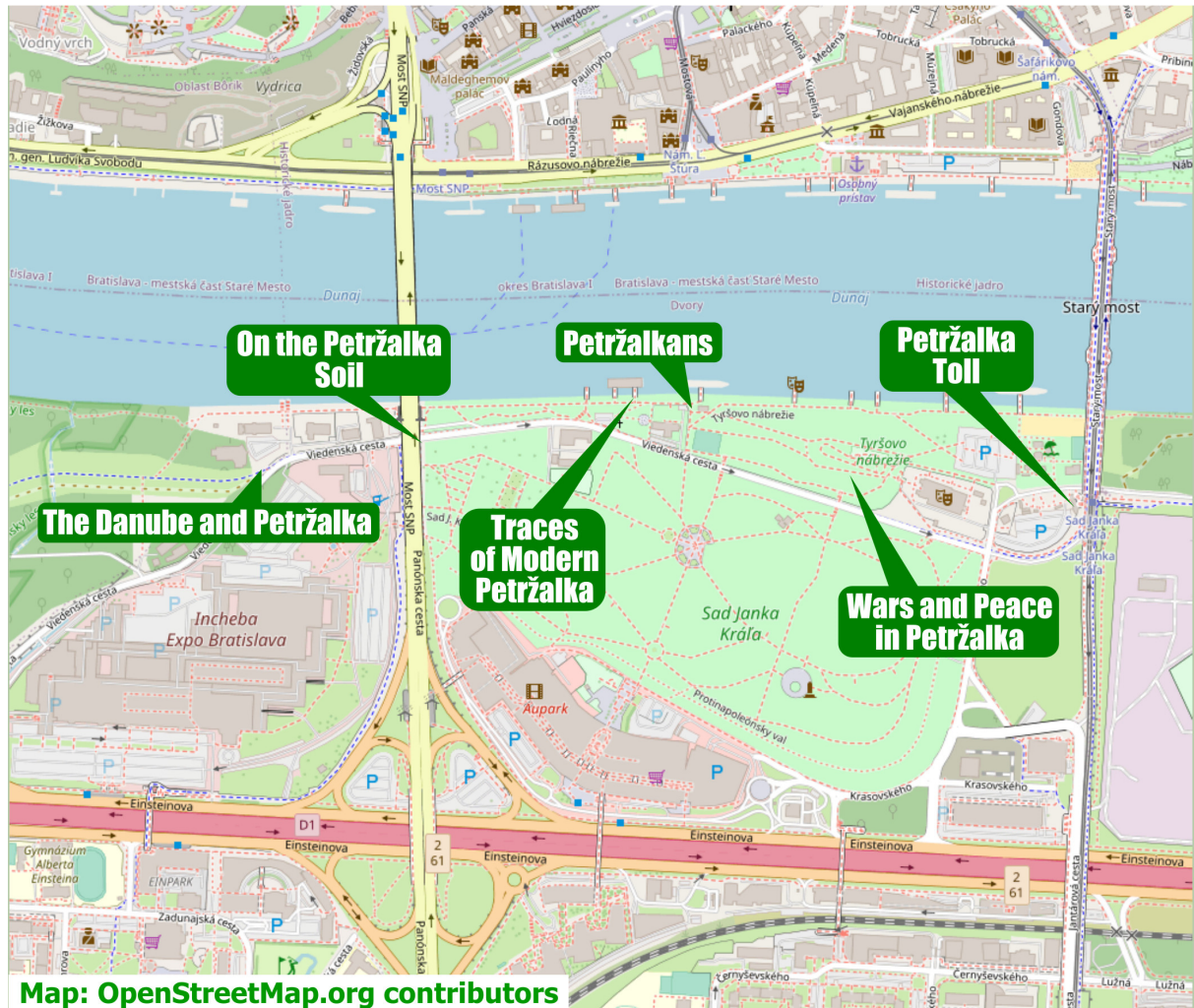


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## Stops of Petržalka educational trail



### PETRŽALKÁ TOLL

Welcome to Petržalka, a borough of Bratislava located on the right bank of the Danube opposite to the city centre. On the place of today's Petržalka in the middle of forest on the Danube river islands there were settlements with German names: Ungerau (1422), Engerau (1670), Audörfel (1844), Habern. This territory became part of Czechoslovakia on 14 August 1919. The Slovak name "Petržalka" was first time mentioned in the newspapers on 15 August

1919 and officially used since 1920. Origin of the name is still unexplained. During the first Czechoslovak Republic, Petržalka was developing as an industrial zone of Bratislava. The population of 3,576 in 1919 increased to 14,164 inhabitants in 1930, consisting mostly of Slovaks and Czechs. The promising development was interrupted by the war. Petržalka was occupied by Hitler 's Germany from 6 October 1938 as a result of the Munich Agreement and liberated by the Red Army on 4 April 1945. From 1 April 1946, it became a borough of Bratislava. In the following quarter century, it stagnated being a part of the border zone. In 1973 begun a construction of massive housing complex, which led to an increase of population to almost 150 000 inhabitants. Currently Petržalka represents a modern developing part of the city on the right bank of the Danube.



Welcome to Petržalka. Along the right bank of the Danube between the Old Bridge and the Pečňa river branch above the Bridge SNP is located an educational trail, which will show you the uniqueness and historical context of Petržalka.



The tollhouse on the Petržalka side of the first permanent railway and road Franz Joseph's I Bridge built in 1890. It was the only connection to Petržalka until the construction of the SNP Bridge in 1972. After the creation of Czecho-Slovakia the bridge changed its name to Štefánik Bridge and was later destroyed by retreating German troops in 1945. After its reconstruction it was named the Red Army Bridge and since 1990 Old Bridge. This name remained even after 2015, when it was almost completely rebuilt.



Petržalka in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The panoramic view illustrates the transformation from a small settlement of ferrymen, fishermen, farmers on the territory of the historic Bratislava region to a real part of the city on the Danube.



Petržalka's embankment in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Today's form was predetermined by the smart decisions of Maria Theresa 250 years ago and their consequences.



Tyrš embankment - between the Old Bridge and the SNP Bridge was named in 1945 after Miroslav Tyrš, the cofounder of Sokol movement. This movement made a significant contribution to the annexation of Petržalka to Czechoslovakia. The bust of Tyrš created by sculptor Jozef Pospíšil placed in Janko Kráľ City Park was lost in 1938. It was found in 1988 and currently is located in Sokolovňa in Bratislava.



In the inundation area near the Old Bridge was the only amusement park in Bratislava. It had its golden age in the 1980s and 1990s. It perished in 2003. Nowadays there is a city beach and a relaxation zone "Tyršák".