

An aerial photograph of a stone bridge in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The bridge features a white balustrade with decorative balusters and is crossed by many pedestrians. A blue banner with the text 'Tourist guide' is positioned diagonally across the upper part of the image, and a red banner with the text 'Ljubljana' is positioned diagonally across the lower part. The bridge spans a river, and the surrounding area is a busy pedestrian plaza with trees and buildings in the background.

Tourist guide

Ljubljana



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Daily from in front of the Town Hall at 10:00, 14:00 and 17:00 (from 1st April to 30 September).
Daily from in front of the Town Hall at 11:00, (from 1 October to 31 March).

Town Hall Tour

Saturdays at 13:00.

Information:

LJUBLJANA TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE- TIC

Stritarjeva Street, Tel. 306 12 15, Fax 306 12 04

SLOVENIAN TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE - STIC,

Krekov trg 10, Tel. 306 45 76, Fax 306 45 80

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Welcome



Ljubljana essentials

- Capital of the Republic of Slovenia, a European Union member state since 2004
- Area: 275 sq km (170.8 sq mi)
- Population: 280,000
- Official language: Slovenian; people in Slovenia are generally well versed in English, those living near the Austrian and Italian borders also in German and Italian
- Climate: continental, with January temperatures averaging -1.5 and July temperatures 21.7 degrees Celsius
- Height above sea level: 298m (623ft)
- Symbol: Ljubljana Dragon
- Currency: euro (since 2007)
- Time zone: GMT + 1 hour
- Population density: 1,014 people per sq km
- GPS coordinates: 14.5057 (E), 46.0518 (N)
- Student population: approx. 60,000
- Safety: Ljubljana tops the list of the world's most honest cities (Reader's Digest, 2008).

Country code:

+386, area code: (0)1

Legend about the origin of Ljubljana

Ljubljana is said to be founded by the Greek mythological hero Jason, who had stolen the golden fleece from King Aetes and fled from him, along with his fellow Argonauts on the ship Argo, across the Black Sea and up the rivers Danube, Sava and Ljubljanica all the way to the source of the latter.

There the Argonauts disassembled their ship to be able to carry it to the Adriatic Sea, put it together again, and return to Greece. On their way to the sea, they made a stop at Ljubljana Marshes, the dwelling place of a monster, which Jason fought and killed. The monster, now referred to as the Ljubljana Dragon, found its place atop the castle tower depicted on the Ljubljana coat of arms.



Getting
to Ljubljana

Ljubljana lies between Vienna and Venice, at a crossroads of important transport routes from northern Europe to the Adriatic Sea and from western to eastern Europe and further on to the Balkans and the Near East. Its geographical location overlaps with that of the so called Ljubljana Gateway, a natural passage between central Europe and the Mediterranean.

By car or motorcycle

Ljubljana lies at the crossroads of Slovenia's most important road routes. Motorway access from any of the neighbouring countries is easy. Amsterdam 1236km, Venice 249km, Belgrade 539km, Berlin 995km, Brussels 1188km, Budapest 572km, Vienna 375km, Frankfurt 800km, Graz 202km, London 1498km, Madrid 2041km, Milan 495km, Moscow 2293km, Munich 408km, Paris 1250km, Prague 649km, Rome 753km, Salzburg 290km, Split 428km, Stockholm 2082km, Trieste 110km, Zagreb 134km, Zürich 710km.

Road toll vignette

A road toll vignette is required for driving on Slovenian motorways and trunk roads. Annual, monthly and weekly vignettes are available for four-wheeled vehicles with a maximum gross vehicle

weight of 3,500 kilograms, and annual, six-month and weekly vignettes for two-wheeled motor vehicles. Vignettes can be purchased at all petrol stations, most newspaper kiosks, and some toll booths and shopping centres in Slovenia. They are also available at some of the neighbouring countries' petrol stations located close to the border. For more information, visit the website at www.dars.si.

Traffic Information Centre for Public Roads:

T: 518 85 18

E: info@promet.si

W: www.promet.si

Roadside assistance: Automobile Association of Slovenia/AMZS

Dunajska cesta 128a

T: 530 53 00

E: info@amzs.si

W: www.amzs.si

Parking

Ljubljana city centre has several charging car parks and parking garages. Short-term parking is allowed in the streets within the short-term parking zone upon purchasing a parking ticket. Free motorcycle parking is available in designated motorcycle parking bays, most of them located at the edge of pedestrian areas. Fines are imposed for illegal parking. There are several electric car charging stations.



By train

International rail connections to Ljubljana are good. Rail is also a convenient means of transport within the country as distances are mainly short and travel costs low. The Ljubljana Railway Station, which also houses a tourist information centre, is located in the city centre.

Ljubljana Railway Station

Trg Osvobodilne fronte 6

T: 1999, 291 33 91

E: potnik.info@slo-zeleznice.si

W: www.slo-zeleznice.si

By bus

There are good bus connections to Ljubljana from most of Europe. Bus travel is one of the most convenient forms of public transport for short trips to Ljubljana's surrounding areas and other places in Slovenia. The Ljubljana Bus Station is located in the city centre, next to the Railway Station.

Ljubljana Bus Station

Trg Osvobodilne fronte 4

T: 234 46 00

E: narocanje@ap-ljubljana.si

W: www.ap-ljubljana.si

By plane

The country's main airport, Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport, is 26 kilometres away from Ljubljana (30 minutes by car). It serves flights to most of Europe's major airports.

Transport connections between the airport and the city

There is daily bus service between the airport and the Ljubljana Bus Station. The fare is €4.10. The ride takes 50 minutes. For a detailed timetable, visit www.ap-ljubljana.si.

The airport is also connected by shuttle bus (from €9.00 to €19.00; details on the airport's website under Getting Here/Bus) and taxi (from €30.00 to €45.00).

Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport/

Letališče Jožeta Pučnika

Zgornji Brnik 130a

T: 04 206 19 81

E: info@lju-airport.si

W: www.lju-airport.si

Other airports within reasonable distance to Ljubljana

Several airports within reasonable distance to Ljubljana are served by low-fare carriers. Favourably priced scheduled transfers from these airports and Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport can be booked through the website at GoOpti.com.

The company GoOpti operates daily transfers between Ljubljana and the airports in Venice, Treviso, Trieste, Bergamo, Graz, Zagreb and several other cities at very reasonable prices starting from as little as €10 per person.

Transfers can be booked through the company's website. Passengers are informed about the exact departure time 24 hours before the departure.

Distances to the nearest airports

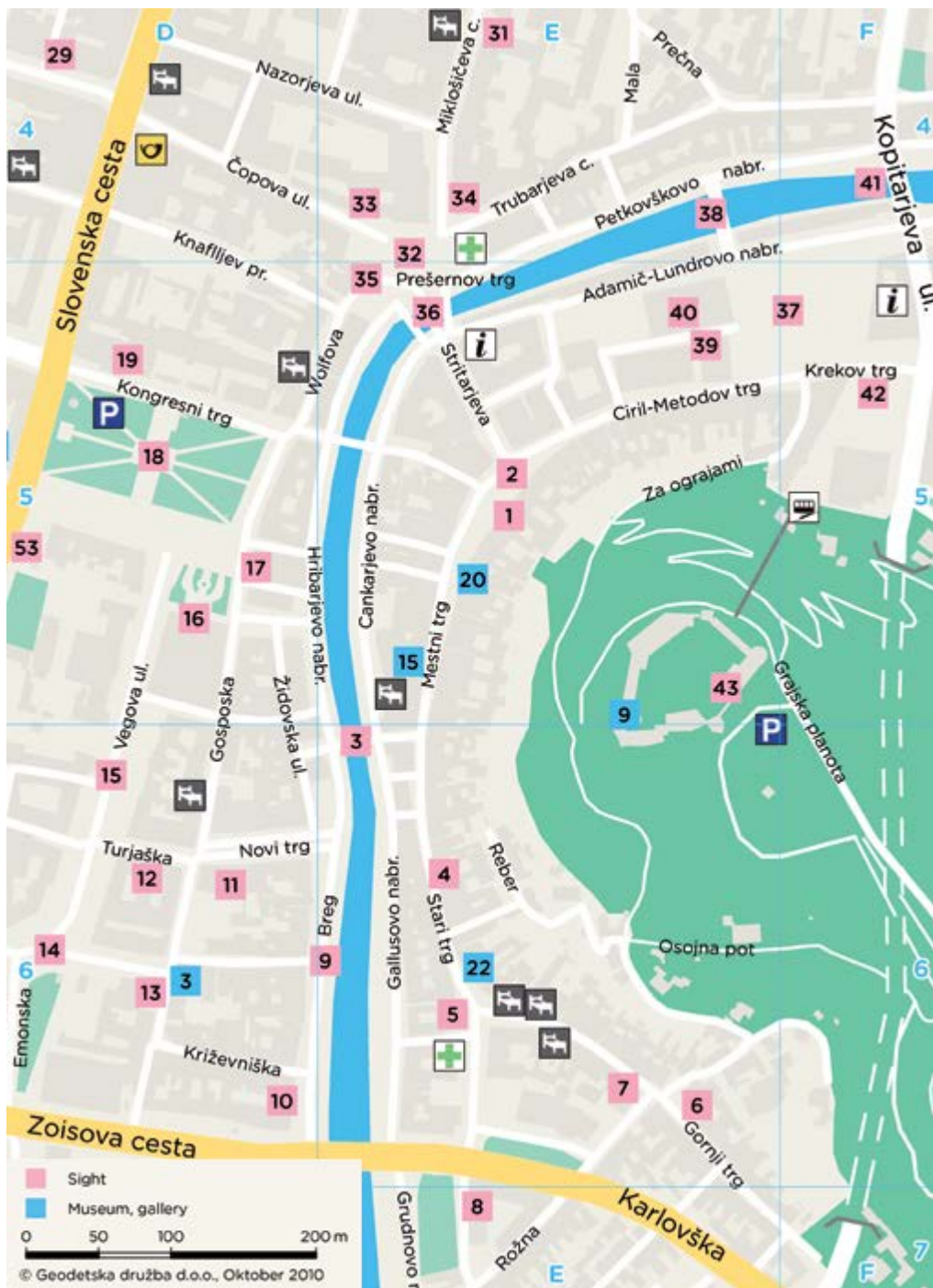
- Klagenfurt: 85km
- Trieste: 130km
- Zagreb: 140km
- Graz: 187km
- Venice: 230km
- Treviso: 238km



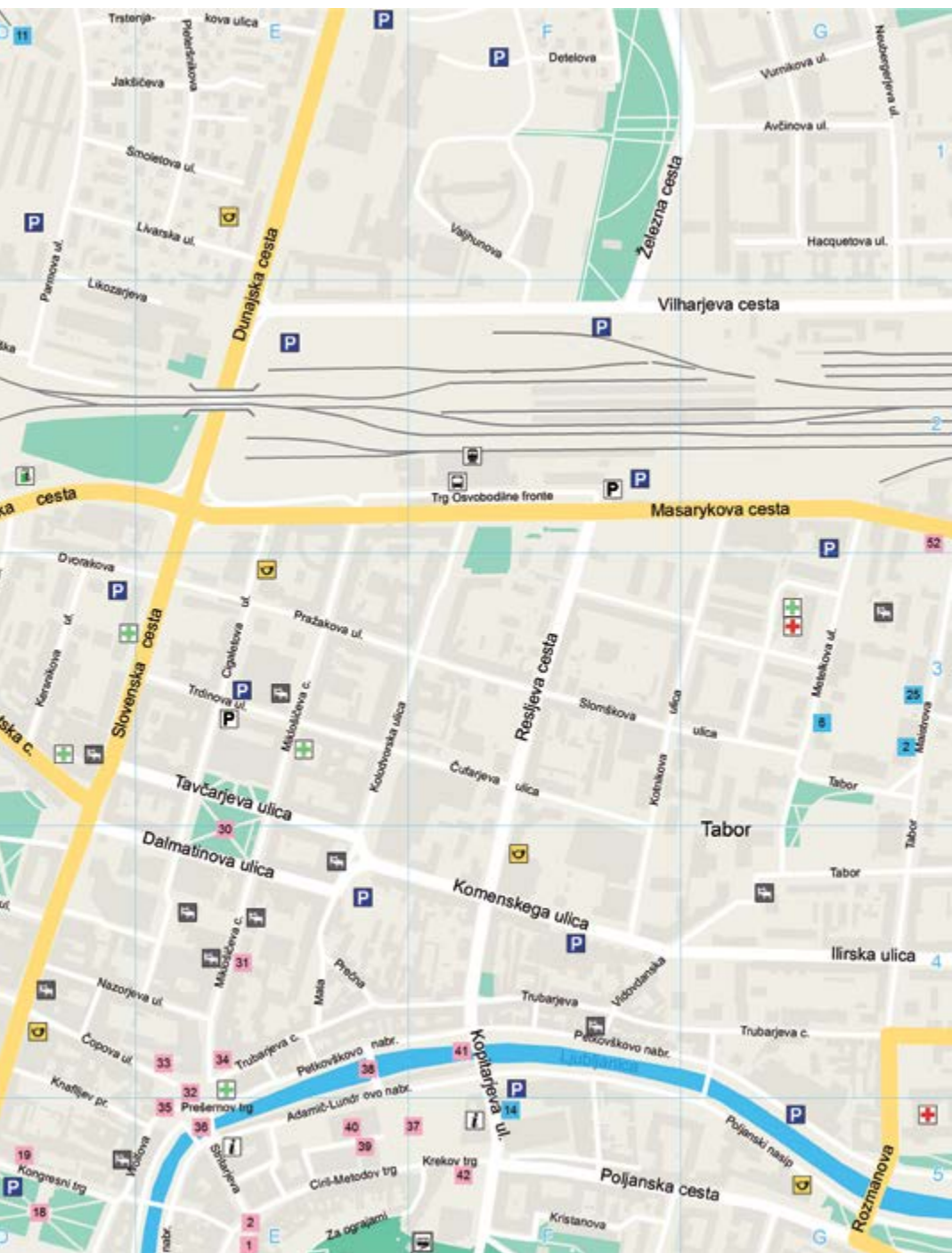


Ljubljana map

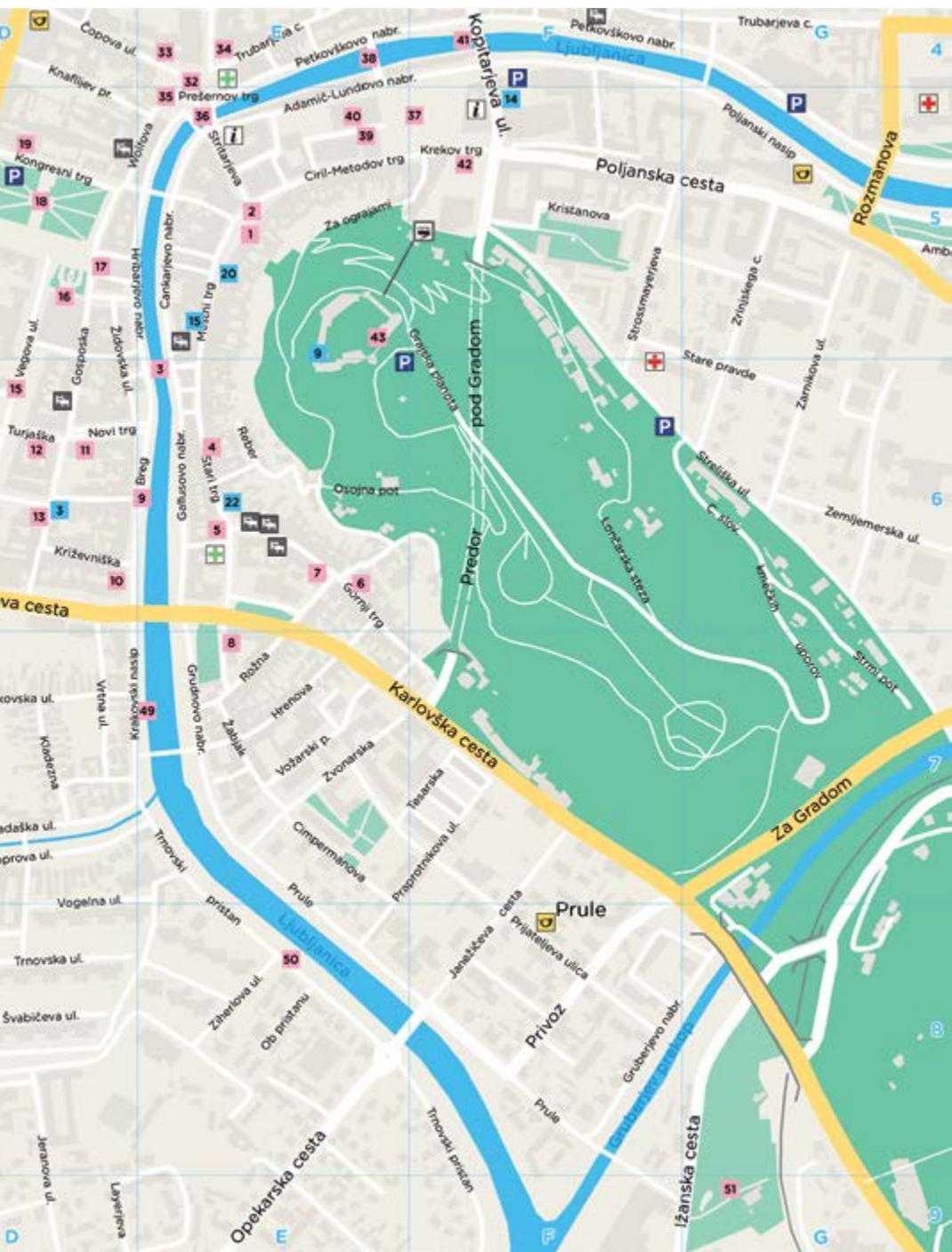














Getting around

Urbana – Ljubljana Tourist Card

Using Urbana – Ljubljana Tourist Card is the best way for exploring the city. Apart from free travel on city buses, card benefits include admission to Ljubljana Castle, the city's major galleries and museums and several other sights, one free guided city tour, free bicycle hire, free internet access, and much more. You can choose from one-, two- or three-day cards, priced at €23.00, €30.00 and €35.00 (children 6-14 years €14.00, €18.00 and €21.00). The card is available from Ljubljana's tourist information centres and hotels and the website at www.visitljubljana.com. Buy your card online and save 10% off the regular price.

City bus

Apart from cycling, city bus travel is the best way to get around Ljubljana as the bus network covers practically the entire city and its surrounding areas. To travel on city buses, you need either the Urbana top-up city pass or the Urbana - Ljubljana Tourist Card city pass. The Urbana top-up city pass is available from the Ljubljana Bus Station, most newspaper kiosks, all tourist information centres and several other locations, but not on buses. It is priced at €2.00 and can be topped up with any amount of money. The fare is €1.20. It covers an up to 90-minute journey regardless of the number of buses needed to be changed to reach the destination.

For detailed timetables, visit the website at www.lpp.si.

Bicycle hire

During the warm months, cycling is one of the most pleasant ways of getting around Ljubljana. As part of the project Ljubljana Bike, run by Ljubljana Tourism, the city's tourist board, bicycles can be hired in the city centre throughout the summer and during the early autumn months.

Hire price: €2.00 for an up to two-hour hire period, €8.00 for hire periods of more than two hours (bicycles must be returned before the closing time of the Slovenian Tourist Information Centre).

Hire location: Slovenian Tourist Information Centre (STIC), T: 306 45 75, www.visitljubljana.com.

Bicike(LJ) self-service bicycle hire

The Bicike(LJ) bicycle hire network consists of 30 docking stations located within the greater Ljubljana city centre area. 300 bicycles are available for hire from the docking stations. As the Bicike(LJ) scheme is mainly intended for short journeys, the first hour is free and after five minutes from returning a hired bicycle, a new one can be hired.

Weekly use

The weekly use of the Bicike(LJ) bicycle hire scheme, targeted mainly at visitors to Ljubljana, is available upon registration on the Bicike(LJ) website. The weekly registration fee is €1.00.

Hire prices: first hour: free, second hour: €1.00, third hour: €2.00, each additional hour: €4.00

www.bicikelj.si

Taxi

In the centre of Ljubljana you can easily find an unoccupied taxi. Bear in mind, however, that the fare will cost you less if you order a taxi by phone. Charges range between €0.80 and €1.50 for a fixed start fee and from €0.70 to €1.70 per kilometre. It may be wise to enquire about the charges before getting into the car.

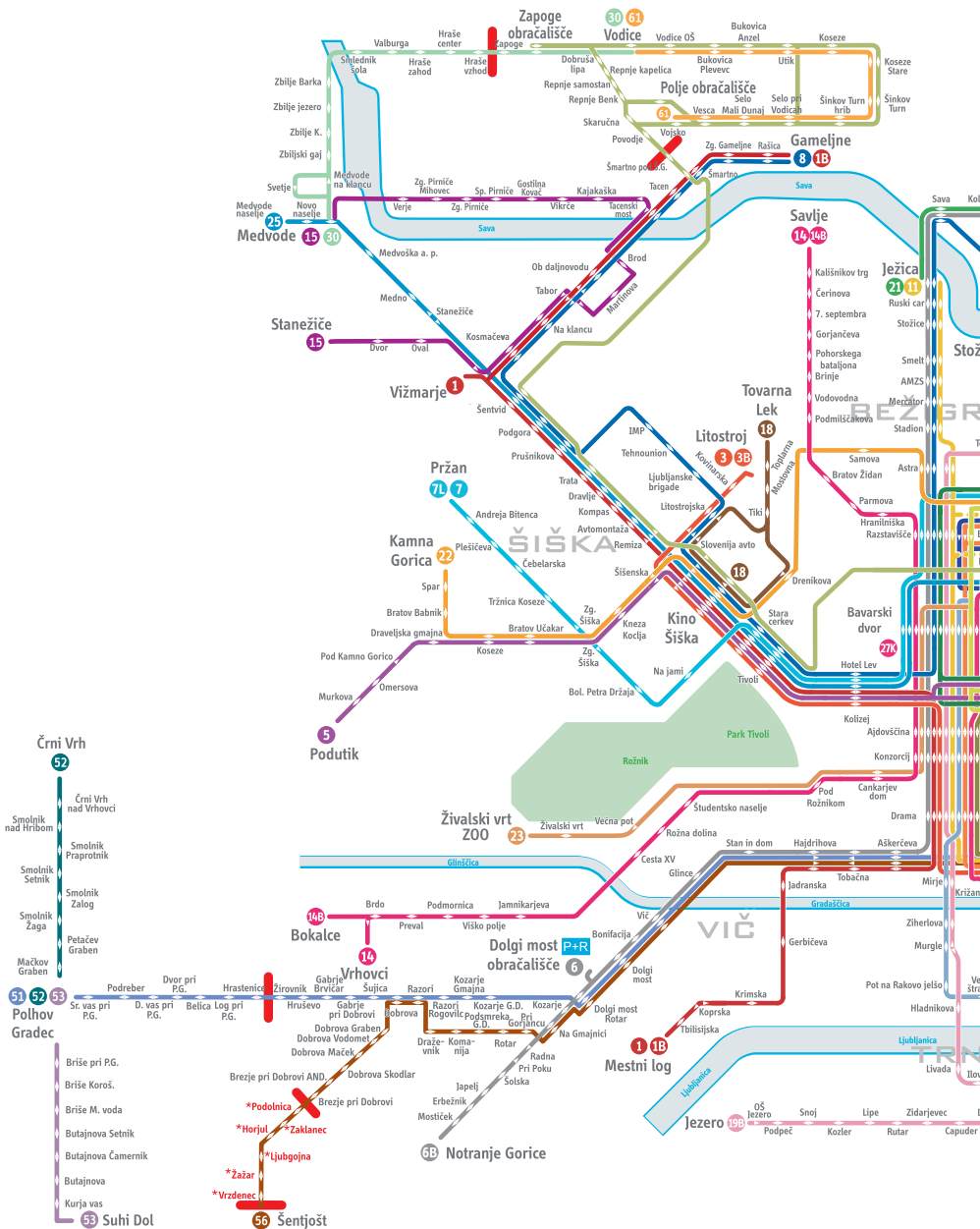
To order one of the two easily recognizable taxis allowed access to pedestrian areas, call 041 677 082 or 070 500 900.

Kavalir

Short distances within the car-free city centre area can easily be overcome if you hop on an environment-friendly electric vehicle called Kavalir (Gallant Helper). It goes slowly so while running errands, you can simply hail it and it will stop where it suits you. The vehicle can accommodate up to five people. Rides are free of charge.

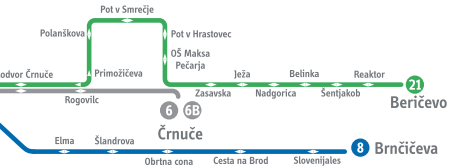
Daily from 8:00–20:00. The vehicles Kavalir 1 and Kavalir 2 run daily from 1 April to 31 October and the glazed and heated vehicle Kavalir 3 throughout the year.

T: 031 666 or 331 or 031 666 332.

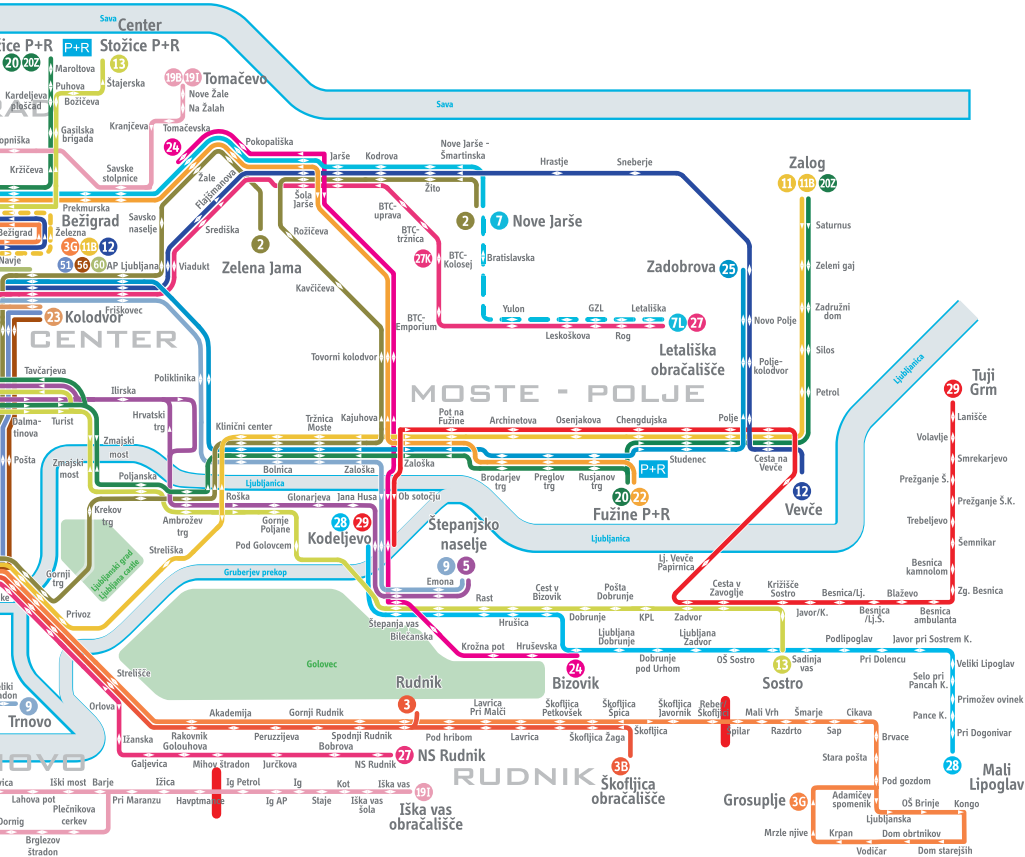


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* Vstop in izstop na rdeče obarvanih postajališčih se obračuna po medkrajevem ceniku.
 If you enter or exit the bus within area of red-coloured bus stops, you pay interurban price.



LPP MAP OF BUS ROUTES CITY PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND INTEGRATED LINES



- 19) Tomačevo - Jezero
- 20) Tomačevo - Iska vas
- 21) Stožice P+R - Fužine P+R
- 22) Stožice P+R - Zalog P+R (nedelja/Sunday)
- 23) Beričevo - Jelča
- 24) Kamna Gorica - Fužine
- 25) Kolodvor - ZOO (Maj - Oktober/May - October)
- 26) Bizovik - Zale
- 27) Medvode - Zadobrova
- 28) NS Rudnik - BTC - Letališka
- 29) Bavorski dvor - Kolosej (nedelja/Sunday)
- 30) Kodeljevo - Mali Lipoglav
- 31) Kodeljevo - Tuji Grm
- 32) Medvode - Vodice

- 33) AP Ljubljana - Polhov Gradec
- 34) Polhov Gradec - Črni Vrh
- 35) Polhov Gradec - Suhil Dol
- 36) AP Ljubljana - Senjčost
- 37) AP Ljubljana - Vodice - Polje
- 38) Vodice - Vojsko

Oznaka za prehod med območji
Transition point between different zones

Tourist information



Ljubljana has two tourist information centres, one of them providing information about the entire country. Apart from obtaining tourist information, you can get tourist brochures, purchase tickets to various events, book accommodation, pay for guided city tours, book excursions around Slovenia, and buy souvenirs (those most authentic are branded as “Souvenir of Ljubljana”), we also recommend Makalonca - a new line of creatively designed items. At the Slovenian Tourist Information Centre you can also browse the internet or hire a bicycle.

Tourist information centres

Ljubljana Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

Stritarjeva ulica
T: 306 12 15
E: tic@visitljubljana.si
Open daily, 8:00-21:00 from 1 Jun to 30 Sep, 8:00-19:00 from 1 Oct to 31 May.

Slovenian Tourist Information Centre (STIC)

Krekov trg 10
T: 306 45 76
E: stic@visitljubljana.si
Open 8:00-21:00 daily from 1 Jun to 30 Sep, 8:00-19:00 weekdays, 9:00-17:00 Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 1 Oct to 31 May, 9:00-19:00 in December.

Website at www.visitljubljana.com

The website at www.visitljubljana.com contains information on all that Ljubljana and its surrounding areas have to offer and provides abundant practical information to help visitors find their way around the city and feel comfortable. The entire content of the website is printable and can be used as a city guide. A mobile phone version of the website, called m.visitljubljana.com, is available to the users of internet-enabled mobile phones.

My Visit planner

A visit to Ljubljana can be efficiently planned using the My Visit planning tool, available on the website at www.visitljubljana.com. The tool enables you to create your own timetable of activities based on everything you want to do and see in Ljubljana. Your plan can include accommodation, events, sights, guided city tours, excursions, shops, restaurants, and sports and recreational activities. Log in at www.visitljubljana.com/myvisit.

Ljubljana on social networks

Connect to Ljubljana Tourism via social networks and follow our activities on the internet.

Follow us on **Twitter** (www.twitter.com/visitljubljana).

Become our fan on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/visitljubljana).

Check out our videos on **YouTube** (www.youtube.com/TourismLjubljana).

City tours



Ljubljana has a lot to offer regardless of the season or weather. It has a large number of sights, picturesque areas, and delightful nooks and crannies as well as a wealth of stories and legends. Join a city tour and let an experienced guide show you Ljubljana at its best.

Regularly scheduled city tours

Ljubljana city walk and funicular ride

This two-hour tour, starting from in front of the Town Hall, includes a walk past the city's major sights and a funicular ride to Ljubljana Castle. It is available at 10:00 daily from 1 April to 30 September and at 11:00 daily from 1 October to 31 March.

Ljubljana city walk and boat ride

To see Ljubljana from a completely different perspective, join the one-and-a-half-hour guided walk of the old city centre followed by a half-hour tourist boat ride. The tour, departing from in front of the Town Hall, is available at 14:00 daily from 1 April to 30 September.

Ljubljana city walk and tourist road train ride

A walking tour of the sights of the old city centre is followed by a tourist road train ride to Ljubljana Castle, which offers the most splendid views of the city. The tour departs from in front of the Town Hall at 17:00 daily from 1 April to 30 September.

Town Hall tour

This one-hour tour, departing Saturdays at 13:00 from the square in front of the Town Hall, is led by a guide wearing the traditional costume of Ljubljana.

Žale Cemetery

One-hour tour, departing every first Saturday of the month (from March to September) at 10:00 from the entrance to the Plečnik's Žale.

Tours available by prior appointment

Ljubljana city walk

This guided walking tour includes all the major sights of the old city centre. The tour departure point and language can be arranged on booking.

Themed city tours

Apart from regularly scheduled general tours, there is a wide range of specially themed tours to choose from, including the walking tours of Baroque, Art Nouveau and Plečnik's Ljubljana, a tour tracing the footsteps of the greatest Slovenian poet France Prešeren, a tour of Ljubljana's churches, a tour themed on the stories and legends about Ljubljana, a tour for senior visitors, a full- or half-day tour of Ljubljana, a literary-themed city tour, and a special adventure tour entitled Dragon Code.

Ljubljana cycling tour

This two-hour tour, available from April to November, is led by specially qualified guides.

Tour information and booking: Ljubljana's tourist information centres

T: 306 12 30

E: tic@visitljubljana.si

or via the online booking form at

www.visitljubljana.com

All regularly scheduled tours of Ljubljana are guided in Slovenian and English. Other language options are available by appointment. Purchase your tour ticket from a tourist information centre or online and save €1.00.

Special experience tours

Tourist boat tour

Taking a guided or non-guided boat tour, you can view Ljubljana's bridges and the façades of many of the city's famous buildings from a completely different angle.

Exploring the city with a digital tour guide

Why not embark on a tour of Ljubljana's major sights on your own, equipped with a digital tour guide available for hire for a period of five hours from Ljubljana's tourist information centres?

Funicular railway to the Castle

Funicular railway connects the Old Town with the Ljubljana Castle. Lower station is located at Krek's Square, the cabin suits its panoramic function. It only takes a minute to get on top and visit the Ljubljana Castle. The funicular rides every 10 minutes.

Make a present of an unforgettable experience to your loved ones, friends or business partners. Visit a tourist information centre and purchase a gift voucher for a regularly scheduled city tour or a hot-air balloon flight over Ljubljana.





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City walk:
seeing the sights
of Ljubljana



Ljubljana Old Town

The centre of the oldest, medieval part of Ljubljana comprises three squares: Mestni trg, Stari trg and Gornji trg.

Mestni trg is dominated by the **Town Hall 1**, a 15th century building housing the government of the City of Ljubljana and holding countless memories of the city's past. In the square in front of the building stands the replica of Francesco Robba's famous **Fountain of Three Carniolan Rivers 2** (the original is kept at the National Gallery). The building at no. 17 Mestni trg is adorned with a bust of **Gustav Mahler**, who conducted the Ljubljana Philharmonic Society in the 1881-1882 season. **Souvan House**, located at no. 24, is remarkable for its typical Biedermeier façade decorated with reliefs symbolically depicting agriculture, art and commerce. Architecturally interesting is also the **Drofенig House**, an Art Nouveau building whose prefabricated black marble façade is considered to be one of the most successful examples of integration of a modern style into the city's historical architecture.

At the point where Mestni trg blends into Stari trg, do not miss the **Cobblers' Bridge 3**, conceived by the architect Jože Plečnik as a square above water. Its name refers to the cobblers' workshops which used to occupy the bridge in the past.

Stari trg is the earliest settled part of medieval Ljubljana. Almost all of its buildings date from the Baroque period. Particularly worth viewing is the three-storey **Schweiger House 4** at no. 11a, which boasts one of Ljubljana's most beautiful Late Baroque façades. On the south end of the square stands the **Hercules Fountain 5**.

The **Gornji trg** square used to be the site of one of the town gates of medieval Ljubljana. Some of its buildings have preserved their medieval orientation with roof ridges facing the square. The central

part of the square is dominated by the **Church of St. Florian 6**.

The **Levstikov trg** square was designed by the architect Jože Plečnik. In front of the **Church of St. James 7** stands St. Mary's Column, erected in 1681 as a thanks offering for the Slovenian lands having been spared from Turkish occupation. Across the street from the church stands **Gruber Palace 8**, which houses the National Archives of Slovenia. The palace was built by the Jesuit architect Gabriel Gruber, best known for his designs for the Gruber Channel, a drainage project diverting surplus water from the river Ljubljanica.

Cross the Šentjakob Bridge and take a walk along the **Breg 9** embankment. Breg's most remarkable building is **Zois Palace 10**, once the home of Baron Žiga Zois, the central figure of the Enlightenment in Slovenia and a renowned patron of arts. At the far end of the embankment, a view of the **Novi trg** square will open up before you, dominated by the building of the **Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts 11**.

The Novi trg area's most prominent building is unquestionably the **National and University Library 12**, built between 1935 and 1940 to designs by the architect Jože Plečnik. Apart from numerous historical manuscripts and early prints, it keeps sample copies of all the publications published in Slovenia.

Trg francoske revolucije square and Vegova ulica street

The trg francoske revolucije square is dominated by **Križanke 13**, originally a mid-13th century monastery complex founded by the German Knights of the Cross. Since the alterations made to designs by Jože Plečnik in the 1950s, it has been a summer theatre, best known for hosting the events of the Ljubljana Festival.

On the lower end, the square is overlooked by **Auerspeg Palace**, once owned by the provincial governor general. Today, the building houses the **City Museum of Ljubljana** **3** (see the Museums and galleries chapter). In the centre of the square stands a **monument** **14** erected in the memory of the Napoleonic Empire's Illyrian Provinces (1809-1813).

Walking down the **Vegova ulica** **15** street, you will follow the course of a medieval town wall (a tower of the period still stands at the end of the street) and a town wall of the Roman city of Emona. Like the Križanke summer theatre, Vegova ulica was laid out by Jože Plečnik.

Kongresni trg square

The Kongresni trg square was named after the 1821 Congress of the Holy Alliance, the political settlement of the Napoleonic Wars. The south end of the square is overlooked by the building of the **University of Ljubljana** **16**, formerly the home and office of provincial governor deputies. Next to it stands the building of the **Slovenian Philharmonic** **17**, the successor of Academia Philharmonicorum, one of the world's oldest musical institutions, founded in 1701. Its honorary members included the violinist Niccolò Paganini and the composers Joseph Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms. Gustav Mahler was among its conductors.

In the square's park, known as **Zvezda** **18**, stands the replica of the **Emonian**, a Roman statue discovered in 1836, during the construction of the neoclassical **Kazina** **19** building.

Kongresni trg's **Ursuline Monastery** and **Church of the Holy Trinity** **20** are considered to be the most beautiful and extraordinary examples of Baroque architecture in Ljubljana. The church's huge main altar was created by Francesco

Robba. In front of the church, the Holy Trinity Column was erected in 1693 as a thanks offering for the city having been spared from the plague.

In the immediate vicinity you will find the building which used to house the German Theatre when Ljubljana was still a bilingual city. Today it is the home of the **Slovenian National Drama Theatre of Ljubljana** **21**, one of the country's foremost theatre companies.

The Roman city of Emona

In Ljubljana you can still see numerous remains of Emona, the Roman predecessor of Ljubljana, whose foundation stone is believed to have been laid by the Roman Emperor Augustus in 14 BC. The best preserved part of Emona is its southern town wall **44**, including the city's main southern gate and two postern gates reconstructed by the architect Jože Plečnik between the two World Wars. Also preserved is Emona's main northern town gate **53**. Ljubljana's better known Roman remains also include the Emonian, a gilded bronze statue whose replica stands in the Zvezda park, not far away from the site where it was excavated. Roman remains are also on display at the National Museum and the City Museum of Ljubljana. The latter manages several open-air historical locations, including the Early Christian Centre **54** in the Erjavčeva ulica street and the Jakopič Garden **45** in the Mirje area, where the remains of a Roman house are on display.

Trg republike square

Trg republike, Ljubljana's largest square, was laid out by the architect Edo Ravnikar in the 1970s. On its west end stands the **Monument to Revolution 22**, and on its north end the **Slovenian Parliament 23** building with the Tomb of National Heroes next to it. The square's vast central area, where Slovenian independence was declared on 25 June 1991, is intended for mass gatherings. Other buildings around the square are the **Cankarjev dom 24** cultural and congress centre (Slovenia's largest auditorium, with 2000 seats) and the **Ljubljanska banka** and **TR3** office buildings.

Tivoli park

Tivoli, Ljubljana's largest park, extends into the very city centre. The park's **Jakopič Promenade 25**, used as an open-air gallery, leads to **Tivoli Mansion**, the home of Ljubljana's **International Centre of Graphic Arts 19**. A short walk away is **Cekin Mansion**, which houses the **National Museum of Contemporary History 7**. The Tivoli Sports and Recreational Centre is located to one side of the Jakopič Promenade and the **Tivoli Glasshouse 26** and a fish pond to the other. A 15-minute walk from the Promenade brings you to the **Ljubljana Zoo 27**.

On your way from the park to the city's Art Nouveau area make sure not to miss the **Museum of Modern Art 18**, the **National Gallery 17**, the **National Museum of Slovenia 1**, under the same roof as the **Slovenian Museum of Natural History 8**, and the building of the **Slovenian National Opera and Ballet Theatre of Ljubljana 28**. Continue past the 12-storey **Nebotičnik 29** building, constructed in 1933. Measuring 70 metres high, at the time of its construction

it was considered to be the highest building in the Balkans and the ninth highest in Europe. On the top of it there is Ljubljana's most panoramic café.

Art Nouveau Ljubljana

Most of Ljubljana's Art Nouveau buildings were constructed in the first decade of the 20th century in the area between the old city centre and the Ljubljana Railway Station, around **Miklošičev park 30** and along the **Miklošičeva ulica street**. Particularly striking is the colourful **Cooperative Business Bank 31** building, also called "Vurnik House" after the architect who designed it.

Prešernov trg square

Prešernov trg is named after the greatest Slovenian poet, **France Prešeren** (1800-1849), whose statue **32** graces the centre of the square, facing the relief of Julija Primic, the poet's great love, mounted on a building across the square. Prešeren is particularly famous for his poem *A Toast (Zdravljica)*, adopted as Slovenia's national anthem. He is also remembered for his endeavours to modernize the Slovenian language.

The most majestic building on Prešernov trg is the **Franciscan Church of the Annunciation 33**, a splendid example of early Baroque architecture with a monastery next to it. The square is also the site of two fine examples of Art Nouveau architecture: **Urbanc House 34** and **Hauptman House 35**.

The **Triple Bridge 36** was built between 1929 and 1932, when two side bridges, intended for pedestrians, were added to the original stone bridge by Jože Plečnik, the creator of this unique architectural gem.

Vodnikov trg square

The central part of Vodnikov trg is the site of Ljubljana's **Central Market 37**, laid out in the 1930's by Jože Plečnik. Apart from fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers, market stalls offer practically any kind of food, including Slovenian specialities such as prosciutto and the *potica* cake.

At the point where Jože Plečnik made a gap in the Central Market's colonnade to provide space for a bridge, the **Butchers' Bridge 38** has been built.

One side of the Central Market is lined by a Baroque church, the **Cathedral of St. Nicholas 39**, whose interior owes its special charm to frescoes by Giulio Quaglio. The Cathedral's unique main entrance door relief depicts the history of Christianity on Slovenian lands, and its side entrance door relief portraits of the 20th century Bishops of Ljubljana. Next to the Cathedral, the **Seminary Palace 40** building houses the unique Seminary Library, another gem of Baroque art.

On the other side of the market stands the **Dragon Bridge 41**, Ljubljana's first Art Nouveau creation, built in 1901.

Vodnikov trg square blends into the **Krekov trg 42**, square famous for the Ljubljana Puppet Theatre's interesting **roof turret with a clock**. At every full hour Martin Krpan, the most famous fictional character in Slovenian literature, steps out of it along with his good old mare.

Next to the theatre building is the lower platform of the **funicular railway** connecting the city centre with Ljubljana Castle.

Ljubljana Castle

Ljubljana Castle 43, the city's most prominent landmark, is a popular tourist attraction and a picturesque event venue putting a unique stamp on the city's skyline. It is open daily, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. between 1 October and 30 March and from 9 a.m. to

11 p.m. between 1 April and 30 September. The castle's **Outlook Tower**, which offers the most beautiful views of Ljubljana and its surrounding areas, and **Virtual Castle** are open also for non-guided visits. Visitors are welcome daily, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. between 1 October and 30 March and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from 1 April to 30 September. Guided tours of the entire castle, led by specialist staff, are available. A part of the castle houses a permanent **exhibition** entitled **Slovenian History**, which shows the dynamic history of Slovenia and Ljubljana. The castle is accessible by funicular railway, tourist road train or on foot via several well-maintained walking paths.

The suburbs of Krakovo and Trnovo

Krakovo and Trnovo are considered to be Ljubljana's oldest suburbs. They were built outside the city's medieval town walls and have retained their village character to the present day. In the past, the residents of Krakovo and Trnovo were mostly fishermen. Today, the two suburbs are best known for their gardens and gardeners, the so called salad ladies of Trnovo (trnovske solatarice), who continue a centuries-long tradition of selling their produce at the Central Market. The area also has a bustling café and cultural life.

If you take a walk around the area, do not miss the remains of the Roman city of Emona. Visit the **Roman Wall 44** and the **Jakopič Garden 45** open-air archaeological museum, part of the City Museum of Ljubljana.

There is a special story behind the 18th century **Trnovo Church 46**, where France Prešeren, the greatest Slovenian poet, first saw his great love Julija Primic, to whom he dedicated his most beautiful sonnets. In front of the church stands the **Trnovo Bridge 47**, a work by the architect Jože

Plečnik, with birch trees growing out of it. Next to the church is **Plečnik House 48**, where the famous architect lived and worked. Now it is a museum.

Great places to take a rest or a pleasant riverside walk are the **Krakovski nasip 49** and **Trnovski pristan 50** embankments. A walk alongside the river brings you to the **Ljubljana Botanic Garden**.

Ljubljana Botanic Garden

Founded in 1810, in the time of the Napoleonic Empire's Illyrian Provinces, the **Ljubljana Botanic Garden 51** is the oldest running cultural, scientific and educational institution in Slovenian lands. It contains over 4,500 plant species, subspecies and varieties, one third of them being endemic to Slovenia and the rest originating from various parts of Europe and other continents.

Metelkova mesto alternative culture centre

Both in Slovenia and internationally, **Metelkova mesto 52** has made a name for itself as an independent centre of arts and crafts, political and NGO activity, and cultural production in the fields of music, theatre, fine arts, comic book art, video, etc. It has developed into an important centre of alternative culture, where concerts, club nights, lectures and other events featuring performers from around the world are held on a daily basis. For more information, visit the website at www.metelkovamesto.org.





For more information

get a copy of the brochure *Plečnik's Ljubljana*, available from the city's tourist information centres and downloadable from www.visitljubljana.com/en/ljubljana-and-more/view-ljubljana/tourist-brochures/

Walking tour of Plečnik's Ljubljana

The tour offers a detailed insight into most of Ljubljana's centrally located sights designed by Jože Plečnik.

Information and booking

Ljubljana's tourist information centres

T: 306 12 15

E: tic@visitljubljana.si

Jože Plečnik

There are few cities on which a single artist has left such a strong personal imprint as that which the architect and urban planner Jože Plečnik (1872–1957) left on Ljubljana, his birthplace.

Jože Plečnik is considered to be one of the world's most important pioneers of contemporary architecture. His oeuvre left a distinct mark on three central European cities: Vienna, Prague and, in particular, Ljubljana.

Plečnik left home at the age of 16 to enrol at the School of Industry and Crafts in Graz and train as a furniture designer. In 1895 he enrolled at the department of architecture of the Vienna Art Academy, from which he graduated in 1898 as the best student of Professor Otto Wagner's class. In 1911, he accepted the position of lecturer at the School of Arts and Crafts in Prague. He accepted an invitation from the President of the Czechoslovak Republic to take up the position of the chief architect in charge of the renovation of Prague Castle on Hradčany. In 1921 Plečnik returned to Ljubljana, where he was offered the post of professor at the University of Ljubljana. Almost all his works in Ljubljana were created in less than twenty years. He died on 7 January 1957 at his home in Trnovo and is buried in the family grave at the Žale Cemetery.

Jože Plečnik left behind some of the most important works of the European architecture of the first half of the 20th century. In creating his architectural and design works he developed his own distinctive style characterized by a modernist reduction and an original synthesis of historical and modern elements. His major works in Ljubljana include the Triple Bridge, the Central Market Colonnade, the Ljubljanica River Sluice Gate, the National and University Library, the Tivoli park's main promenade, the Cobblers' Bridge, and the Žale Cemetery. Due to his unique design, embracing more than just architecture, the so called Plečnik's Ljubljana rates among the 20th century's most prominent total works of art.

Ljubljana
through history



Ljubljana has succeeded in preserving evidence of all the periods of its rich history: the remains of the Roman city of Emona; the city centre with Renaissance, Baroque and Art Nouveau façades, lopsided roofs, ornate entrance portals and romantic bridges over the Ljubljanica river; a park stretching into the very city centre; works by Jože Plečnik, a pioneer of modern architecture.

Around 3900 BC, Ljubljana Marshes were settled by lake dwellers, who lived in wooden dwellings built on stilts driven into the marsh ground or lake bed. At Ljubljana Marshes, archaeologists have discovered the remains of the world's oldest wheel, made between 3350 and 3100 BC. The wheel is kept at the City Museum of Ljubljana.

Early in history, the Ljubljana Gateway, a natural passage between central Europe and the Mediterranean, saw migration flows of numerous tribes and peoples, including the Illyrians and Celts.

In 14 AD, the Roman city of Emona was founded on the site of the present Ljubljana. It was a strategic stronghold with five to six thousand inhabitants, mainly merchants and craftsmen. It was destroyed by the Huns in 452 AD.

At the end of the 6th century, the Slovenians' Slavic forefathers arrived in the area. A medieval city began to be built gradually.

The earliest written mention of the city's name appears in a document dating from the period 1112–1125.

Ljubljana's rapid growth began in the 13th century, when the city, called Laibach at the time, was granted city rights.

In 1270, Ljubljana was conquered by King Ottokar I of Bohemia. Eight years later it fell under the Hapsburg rule as part of the Province of Carniola.

After the earthquake of 1511, the city was rebuilt in the Renaissance style and surrounded by a new town wall.

Ljubljana was the centre of the Slovenian Reformation movement and culture. 1550 saw the publishing of the first two books ever written in Slovenian, Primož Trubar's *Catechismus* and *Abecedarium*. In 1584 the Bible was translated into Slovenian by Jurij Dalmatin.

The end of the 17th century saw the foundation of the *Academia operosorum Labacensis*, a scholarly society modelled on Italian associations of the kind. Foreign artists and architects, such as the sculptor Francesco Robba, were invited to Ljubljana, which soon turned from a Renaissance into a Baroque city.

Lake dwellers and their legacy

According to the World Heritage Committee's decision, the sites of a number of prehistoric pile-dwelling settlements in and around the Alps, including two sites at Ljubljana Marshes, have recently been listed as Unesco's World Heritage. Ljubljana Marshes are best known for the ancient culture of lake dwellers, who lived in the area 6,000 years ago as farmers, stockbreeders and hunters. They lived in wooden dwellings built on stilts driven into the lake bed. The remains of Ljubljana Marshes' oldest lake dwellings were discovered in the vicinity of the village of Ig, 10 kilometres from Ljubljana. The best known find, kept at the National Museum of Slovenia, is a baked clay female idol dating from around 2000 BC. Remains of pile dwellings were also found in the centre of Ljubljana, on the Špica embankment.

1701 saw the establishment of the Academia philharmonicorum, one of the first institutions of the kind to be founded outside Italy. Honorary members of its successor, the Philharmonic Society, included the violinist Niccolò Paganini and the composers Josef Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms. One of the Society's conductors was Gustav Mahler.

During French occupation (1809-1813), Ljubljana was the capital of the Illyrian Provinces. Slovenian became one of the official languages. In 1821, back under Austrian rule, Ljubljana hosted the Congress of the Holy Alliance, participated by several European rulers.

In 1849, the first train from Vienna arrived in Ljubljana. Eight years later, a railway connecting Ljubljana to Trieste was completed.

In 1895, the city suffered a devastating earthquake.

Ljubljana was only indirectly affected by the First World War. In 1918, after the disintegration of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it became the administrative, political and cultural centre of Slovenia as part of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenians.

By the mid-1930s, Ljubljana had a population of over 80,000. Between the two World Wars, its appearance was dramatically transformed by the architect Jože Plečnik, which led to the term "Plečnik's Ljubljana" being used in reference to this period in the city's architectural history.

During the Second World War, Ljubljana was occupied first by the Italian and then the German army. For three years it was surrounded with a barb wire fence. After the war, it became the capital of Slovenia, one of the six republics constituting the socialist Yugoslavia.

In a plebiscite held on 23 December 1990, the people of Slovenia voted for an autonomous and independent state. Independence was declared on 25 June 1991 and Ljubljana was named the state's capital.

In May 2004, Slovenia entered the European Union. In 2007 it adopted euro as its currency.



Museums
and galleries



Being the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana has a considerable number of both national museums and those presenting the history of the city. Its leading art museums are the National Gallery and the Museum of Modern Art. Apart from those, Ljubljana has a large number of galleries exhibiting or selling art.

Contemporary art connoisseurs from around the world are probably most familiar with the work of the artists of the so called Ljubljana School of Graphic Art and the artistic group Irwin, whose avant-garde concept known as *Neue Slowenische Kunst*, formulated in the 1980s, has resulted in one of the most interesting and at the same time most provocative artistic oeuvres in the history of contemporary art.

Museums

1 National Museum of Slovenia

Narodni muzej Slovenije
Muzejska ulica 1, **C4**
T: 241 44 00
W: www.nms.si
Slovenia's leading museum of national history holds numerous finds from Slovenia, one of the most outstanding being a 55,000-year-old Neanderthal flute.
Open Mon-Sun 10:00-18:00, Thu 10:00-20:00. Free admission every first Sunday of the month.

2 National Museum of Slovenia - Metelkova

Narodni muzej Slovenije - Metelkova, Maistrova ulica 1, **G3**
T: 230 70 30
W: www.nms.si
The Museum's permanent exhibition presents the applied art heritage of Slovenian inhabited areas. It brings together objects of applied art, industrial design items and unique handmade design items created from the 14th century to the present day.
Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00. Public holidays closed. Free admission every first Sunday of the month.

3 City Museum of Ljubljana - MGLM

Mestni muzej Ljubljana
Gosposka ulica 15, **D6**
T: 241 25 00
W: www.mgml.si
At the City Museum of Ljubljana you can view a permanent exhibition on the history of life in Ljubljana entitled *The Faces of Ljubljana*, take a walk along a 1st century Roman road, and meet the Water Man.
Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00, Thu 10:00-21:00.

5 Museum of Architecture and Design - Fužine Castle

Muzej za arhitekturo in oblikovanje - Grad Fužine
Pot na Fužine 2
T: 548 42 70
W: www.mao.si
The Museum of Architecture and Design is Slovenia's leading museum of architecture, urban planning, industrial and graphic design, and photography. Since 1973, the museum has been organizing the Ljubljana Biennial of Industrial Design (BIO).
Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00. Public holidays closed.

6 Slovene Ethnographic Museum

Slovenski etnografski muzej
Metelkova ulica 2, **G3**
T: 300 87 00
W: www.etno-muzej.si
The Museum's permanent exhibition presents Slovenian and non-European cultural heritage related to everyday and ceremonial life.
Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00. Free admission every last Sunday of the month.

7 National Museum of Contemporary History

Muzej novejšje zgodovine Slovenije, Celovška cesta 23, **B2**
T: 300 96 10
W: www.muzej-nz.si
The Museum, dedicated to presenting Slovenian history from the beginning of the 20th century, keeps collections on the First and Second World Wars, the period between the two wars, the Socialist period, and the establishment of Slovenia as an independent state.
Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00. Public holidays closed. Free admission every first Sunday of the month.

8 Slovenian Museum of Natural History

Prirodoslovni muzej Slovenije
Muzejska ulica 1, **C4**
T: 241 09 40

W: www.pms-lj.si

The Museum holds extensive zoological, botanical and geological collections including practically all plant and animal species and minerals of Slovenia.

Open Mon-Sun 10:00-18:00, Thu 10:00-20:00. Public holidays closed. Free admission every first Sunday of the month.

9 Virtual Castle, Permanent Exhibition Slovenian History

Virtualni muzej
Grajska planota 1, **E5**
T: 306 42 93

W: www.ljubljanskigrad.si

The Virtual Museum, presenting the history of Ljubljana from antiquity to the present day, is Slovenia's first museum to be based on virtual reality technology. It is housed in Ljubljana Castle's Outlook Tower. The bits and pieces of history which you can see, feel or hear as part of Ljubljana Castle's permanent exhibition *Slovenian History*, represent a part of the huge treasure trove of history on display in museums and exhibitions across Slovenia. Both in terms of technology and content, it is in keeping with modern trends in exhibition design.

Open daily, 10:00-18:00 from 1 Oct to 31 Mar, 9:00-21:00 from 1 Apr to 30 Sep.

10 Slovenian School Museum

Slovenski šolski muzej
Plečnikov trg 1, **D5**
T: 251 30 24

W: www.ssolski-muzej.si

The Museum keeps a large collection of objects and

materials on the history of the education system and pedagogy in Slovenian lands. Particularly interesting is a demonstration entitled *School Lessons of our Grannies and Grandpas*.

Open Mon-Fri 9:00-16:00, every first Saturday of the month 10:00-14:00. Public holidays closed.

11 Railway Museum

Železniški muzej
Parmova ulica 35, **D1**
T: 291 26 41

W: www.slo-zeleznice.si/podjetje/onas/zeleznikimuzej

The Museum houses a permanent collection of historical rolling stock (steam locomotives, carriages, and other railroad vehicles), an exhibition on the main railway departments, and an art gallery. Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00. Public holidays closed.

12 Brewery Museum

Povovarski muzej
Pivovarniška ulica 2, **C1**
T: 471 73 30

W: www.pivo-union.si

The Museum's collection offers a comprehensive overview of the history of Ljubljana's Pivovarna Union brewery, beer production, and activities related to brewing. Open 8:00-13:00 every first Tuesday of the month.

13 Tobacco Museum

Tobačni muzej
Tobačna ulica 5, **B5**
T: 241 25 00

W: www.tobacna.si

The Museum presents tobacco product manufacturing processes, the use of tobacco products, and the lifestyle of tobacco workers of the past, with a focus on female cigar

rollers.

Open Tue-Sat 11:00-18:00, Sun 11:00-15:00, Mon closed

14 Sports Museum

Muzej športa
Kopitarjeva ulica 4, **F5**
T: 431 83 40

The Museum is dedicated to the history of sports in Slovenia. Open Mon-Fri 9:00-14:00. Public holidays closed.

15 Slovenian Theatre Museum

Slovenski gledališki muzej
Mestni trg 17, **E5**
T: 241 58 00

The Museum runs temporary exhibitions on theatre arts. Open Mon-Fri 10:00-13:00 and 17:00-19:00, Sat 10:00-13:00.

16 a Technical Museum of Slovenia

Tehniški muzej Slovenije
Bistra 6
SI-1353 Borovnica
T: 750 66 70

W: www.tms.si

The Museum, set in the ancient Bistra Castle, houses collections on agriculture, textile engineering, transport, forestry, wood processing, electrical engineering, hunting, fishing and printing. Open Tue-Fri 8:00-16:00 (10:00-18:00 in Jul and Aug), Sat 9:00-17:00, Sun 10:00-18:00. Closed from Dec to Mar.

16 b Technical Museum of Slovenia/Museum of Post and Telecommunication

Tehniški muzej Slovenije/Muzej pošte in telekomunikacije
Polhov Gradec 61
SI-1355 Polhov Gradec
T: 364 00 83

W: www.tms.si

Open Tue-Fri, Sun and public holidays 10:00-17:00, Sat, Mon closed.

Art museums and galleries

17 National Gallery of Slovenia

Narodna galerija
Prešernova cesta 24, **C4**
T: 241 54 18

W: www.ng-slo.si

The National Gallery holds two permanent collections: Art in Slovenia, covering the period from the 13th century to the first quarter of the 20th century, and European Paintings.

Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00.

Free admission every first Sunday of the month.

18 Museum of Modern Art

Moderna galerija
Tomšičeva 14, **C5**

T: 241 68 00

W: www.mg-lj.si

The Museum presents exhibitions of paintings, sculptures and prints by 20th century Slovenian and international artists.

Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00.

Public holidays closed. Free admission every first Sunday of the month.

19 International Centre of Graphic Arts

Mednarodni grafični likovni center

Pod Turnom 3, **B3**

T: 241 38 00

W: www.mglc-lj.si

Apart from holding a collection of prints from the 20th century to the present day, the Centre hosts contemporary art exhibitions featuring artists from home and abroad.

Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00.

20 City Art Museum Ljubljana

Mestna galerija Ljubljana -
MGML, Mestni trg 5, **E5**

T: 241 17 70

W: www.mgml.si

The City Art Museum is engaged in setting up its own and hosting travelling exhibitions of work by individual artists and art groups from Slovenia and abroad, including retrospectives and study exhibitions. Its scope of interest extends beyond the European cultural context.

Open Tue-Sat 11:00-19:00, Thu 11:00-21:00, Sundays 11:00-15:00.

21 Tivoli Park Gallery

Open-air gallery on Tivoli Park's
Jakopič Promenade, **B4**

W: www.visitljubljana.com

22 ŠKUC Gallery

Galerija ŠKUC, Stari trg 21, **E6**

T: 421 31 40

W: www.galerija.skuc-drustvo.si

Galerija ŠKUC, Ljubljana's oldest gallery working on a non-institutional basis, presents the latest trends in contemporary fine art in Slovenia and beyond.

Open Tue-Sun 12:00-20:00.

Public holidays closed.

23 Cankarjev dom Gallery

Galerija Cankarjev dom
Prešernova cesta 10, **C5**

T: 241 71 00

W: www.cd-cc.si

Open Mon-Sat 10:00-19:00,
Sun 10:00-14:00.

24 Jakopič Gallery

Galerija Jakopič, Slovenska
cesta 9, **D6**

T: 241 52 00

W: www.mgml.si

Galerija Jakopič, standing on the site of the central square of the Roman city of Emona, presents large exhibitions of design, photography, architecture and other visual arts and hosts performing art and multimedia projects. Reassessing the themes of the past using a fresh approach rooted in contemporary society, it represents a bridge between the museum and gallery worlds. Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00, Mon closed.

25 Museum of Contemporary Art

Maistrova 3, **G3**

T: 241 68 00

W: www.mg-lj.si

A selection of works from the Arteast 2000+ Collection and the national collection of Museum of Modern Art.

Open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00,
Mondays closed

Culture



Ljubljana is a city of culture boasting, among other things, one of the world's oldest philharmonics and the oldest jazz festival in Europe. Each year it hosts over 10,000 cultural events, from prestigious musical, theatre and art events to those pertaining to alternative and avant-garde culture. Musical life in Ljubljana reflects the city's characteristic blend of rich tradition and youthful vibrancy. There are several venues hosting opera and ballet performances. The Slovenian National Opera and Ballet Theatre of Ljubljana's distinguished ensemble performs an extensive repertoire of classical and contemporary works. Ljubljana is also one of the more important centres of theatre in this part of Europe, particularly its progressive, innovative and thought-provoking strands. Even the language barriers are often broken down by the interesting approaches used by the city's artists.

Festivals

Spring

Slovenian Music Days

March

This festival presents a programme of classical music concerts featuring mainly works by contemporary Slovenian composers performed by renowned Slovenian orchestras and soloists.

W: www.sigic.si

Exodos

April

This annual international festival of contemporary performing arts brings together contemporary theatre and dance artists from around the world.

W: www.exodos.si

Druga godba

May

The Druga godba festival of ethnic, world and contemporary jazz music ranks among Europe's best festivals of slightly alternative music difficult to fit neatly into musical categories.

W: www.drugagodba.si

Secondary School Graduates' Parade

May

The annual Secondary School Graduates' Parade, featuring a quadrille dance performed by secondary school graduates in the streets of Slovenian cities, has entered several editions of the *Guinness Book of Records* as a world record breaking synchronous dance.

Summer

June in Ljubljana

June

Each year in June, city life in Ljubljana is enlivened by a series of free events held in the city centre. The events taking place in the morning are mainly intended for children, afternoons are reserved for light dance and music shows, and evenings for top quality dance, theatre and music performances.

Ljubljana Jazz Festival

June, July

Each year, the Ljubljana Jazz Festival, Europe's oldest festival of its kind, attracts the attention of music lovers from home and abroad by featuring the world's biggest names in jazz.

W: www.ljubljanajazz.si

Pride Parade

June, July

Ljubljana's annual Pride Parade draws attention to homophobia, discrimination against LGBT community, and the inadequacy of the legal regulation.

W: www.ljubljanapride.org

Ana Desetnica

July

Showcasing contemporary trends in street theatre creativity, the Ana Desetnica international street theatre festival brings together street performers, musicians, dancers and actors from Slovenia and abroad.

W: www.anadesetnica.org

Mini Summer

July, August

The Mini Summer international puppet festival is intended for children and those feeling an affinity with art for children.

W: www.mini-teater.si

Ljubljana Festival

July, August

The Ljubljana Festival, established in 1953, represents the pinnacle of what the Slovenian capital has to offer in terms of culture and art. Its long tradition of presenting a programme of top artistic events featuring internationally renowned performers contributes significantly to the cultural life of Ljubljana.
W: www.ljubljanafestival.si

Trnifest

August

The Trnifest international summer festival offers a varied programme of events featuring Slovenian and international artists in the fields of music, theatre, dance, film, fine arts, and photography.
W: www.kud.si

Summer in Ljubljana Old Town

June, July, August

This summer festival adds to the vibrancy of city life in Ljubljana by presenting a programme of mainly free classical music concerts. It traditionally concludes with the Nights in Ljubljana Old Town, which symbolically mark the end of Ljubljana's summer event season.
W: www.imagosloveniae.net

Young Lions

August

Each year, this international dance and theatre festival brings together performing groups and solo artists remarkable for their unique creative approaches to theatre and dance.
W: www.bunker.si

Emona Promenade

August

The Emona Promenade festival turns a part of the city into an open-air theatre and creative workshop venue full of artists from around the world. Visitors, both young and old, can try their hand at circus skills and various games.
W: www.kud.si

Ex Ponto

September

This international festival focuses on contemporary theatre productions dealing with socially relevant themes. It is accompanied by exhibitions, dance performances, multimedia projects, film screenings, concerts, etc.
W: www.exponto.net

Autumn

International Biennial of Graphic Arts (every odd year)

September, October

Over its more than 50-year history, the Ljubljana Biennial of Graphic Arts has grown to be the world's biggest and one of the most recognized events of its kind.
W: www.mglc-lj.si

BIO – Biennial of Industrial Design

October, November

BIO is a prestigious biennial international exhibition of industrial design products, visual communications, and design concepts.
W: www.bio.si

City of Women

October

This international festival of contemporary arts is dedicated to contemporary female artistic creativity, particularly the socially conscious part of it.
W: www.cityofwomen.org

LIFFe – Ljubljana International Film Festival

November

The LIFFe festival offers an insight into the very best in European and international film production.
W: www.liffe.si

Ljubljana Wine Route

November/June

On St. Martin's Day, when grape must officially turns to wine, those attending the event entitled Ljubljana Wine Route can taste many different young wines and culinary delights served from stalls set up in front of bars and restaurants in the old city centre.
W: www.ljubljanskavinskapot.si

Winter

Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

November, December

Founded in 1984, the Ljubljana Gay and Lesbian film festival is the oldest film festival of the kind in Europe.
www.ljudmila.org/siqrd/fglf/

December in Ljubljana

December

In December, the festively decorated old centre of Ljubljana hosts a varied programme of events intended for people of all ages and tastes. The festive atmosphere culminates in the New Year's Eve celebrations held in the city's three main squares.

Animateka

December

The main, competition section of the Animateka international animated film festival includes short animated films produced in eastern and central Europe. Other sections and retrospective screenings feature animated films from around the world.
W: www.animateka.si

Shrovetide Carnival

February

Ljubljana's traditional Shrovetide Carnival includes a large carnival procession through the streets of Ljubljana and a programme of entertainment for children and adults. The procession consists of groups of traditional and themed carnival figures from Slovenia and abroad.

Concert venues and cultural centres

Stožice Centre Stadium and Arena

Center Stožice
Vojkova cesta 100
T: 08 387 60 86
W: [www.sport-ljubljana.si/
center-stozice](http://www.sport-ljubljana.si/center-stozice)

How to pick the right event

Get a free copy of the monthly brochure Events, available in Slovenian and English from the city's tourist information centres, hotels and cultural centres, or download a copy from www.visitljubljana.com.

Cankarjev dom Cultural and congress centre

Prešernova cesta 10, **C5**
T: 241 71 22
W: www.cd-cc.si

Ljubljana Exhibition and Convention Centre

Gospodarsko razstavišče
Dunajska cesta 18
1000 Ljubljana
T: 300 26 00
W: www.gr-sejem.si/

Ljubljana Castle

Grajska planota 1, **E5**
T: 306 42 93
W: www.ljubljanskigrad.si

Slovenian Philharmonic Hall

Slovenska filharmonija
Kongresni trg 10, **D5**
T: 241 08 00
W: www.filharmonija.si

Križanke summer theatre

Trg francoske revolucije 1, **D6**
T: 241 60 26
W: www.ljubljanafestival.si

Dvorana Tivoli sports hall

Celovška cesta 25, **B2**
T: 431 51 55
W: www.sport-ljubljana.si

Kino Šiška Centre for Urban Culture

Trg prekomorskih brigad 3
T: 030 310 100
W: www.kinosiska.si

Metelkova mesto alternative culture centre

Masarykova cesta 24, **G3**
W: www.metelkovamesto.org

Španski borci cultural centre

Zaloška cesta 61
T: 620 87 90
W: www.spanskiborci.si

Theatre and opera

Slovene National Theatre Opera and Ballet

SNG Opera in balet Ljubljana
Župančičeva ulica 1, **C4**
T: 241 59 00
W: www.opera.si

Slovene National Drama Theatre Ljubljana

SNG Drama Ljubljana
Erjavčeva cesta 1, **D5**
T: 252 14 62
W: www.drama.si

Ljubljana City Theatre

Mestno gledališče Ljubljansko
Čopova ulica 14, **D4**
T: 251 08 52
W: www.mgl.si

Šentjakob Theatre

Šentjakobsko gledališče
Krekov trg 2, **F5**
T: 231 28 60
W: [www.sentjakobsko-
gledalisce.si](http://www.sentjakobsko-gledalisce.si)

SiTi Teater BTC theatre

SiTiTeater BTC
Šmartinska cesta 152
T: 070 940 940
W: www.sititeater.si

Glej Theatre

Gledališče Glej
Gregorčičeva ulica 3, **D6**
T: 251 66 79
W: www.glej.si

Ljubljana Dance Theatre

Plesni Teater Ljubljana
Prijateljeva ulica 2
T: 430 83 44
W: www.ptl.si

Old Power Station

Stara elektrarna - Elektro
Ljubljana, Slomškova ulica 18, **F3**
T: 231 44 92
W: www.bunker.si/slo/stara-elektrarna

Accommodation



Ljubljana's tourism offerings are diverse and so are its accommodation options. Visitors can choose from various types of accommodation of all categories. Since Ljubljana is a "city made to the measure of man", most of its accommodation establishments are easily accessible on foot, and the rest by bus.

Hotels

Hotels of all price ranges are available in Ljubljana. Most of them are located in the very city centre, the rest are well connected by city bus or shuttle services. Those centrally located are typically small boutique hotels or hotels with a long tradition of hospitality. The number of modern business hotels is on the increase.

Youth accommodation

Ljubljana has several youth hostels and other accommodation facilities specially designed to suit young people. During summer holidays, cheap accommodation is also available at secondary school and student hostels.

Pensions

Ljubljana's pensions, many of them serving excellent Slovenian cuisine, are places where guests can experience a warm and homely atmosphere.

Rooms and apartments

Ljubljana has a growing number of privately-owned rooms and apartments which visitors can make their home for a few days.

Campsites

In Ljubljana, there is one campsite with a large outdoor swimming pool area. More campsites are available in the city's surrounding areas. Overnight stays by motorhomes are only permitted at campsites.

Information and booking

Make your accommodation search easy by using the website at www.visitljubljana.com, whose database includes hotels, youth hostels, pensions, privately-owned apartments and campsites in Ljubljana and its surrounding areas. Use the website's interactive map to easily find the accommodation of your choice. The website also offers fast and reliable online booking of hotel rooms in Ljubljana and across Slovenia using the HRS hotel reservation service.

If you require assistance in booking, visit any of Ljubljana's tourist information centres.

Eating out

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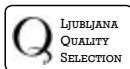
KINSKIH DOBROT

Menu board with handwritten text, including items like "Kava", "Cajnik", "Mlijeko", "Sladoled", "Pivo", "Vino", "Jela", "Dobro jutro", "Dobro popodne", "Dobro veceranje", "Dobro noć", "Dobro jutro", "Dobro popodne", "Dobro veceranje", "Dobro noć"



Ljubljana has a wide and varied choice of good restaurants in all price ranges, from fast casual to fine dining, both in the city centre and suburban areas. You can choose from traditional **gostilna** restaurants serving Slovenian cuisine and restaurants offering different international cuisines. A number of upmarket restaurants which would be regarded as rather expensive for an à la carte meal offer daily lunch menus at affordable prices.

Slovenia is a country of good wines. Its capital may not be situated in a wine-growing region, but due to its tradition as a commercial centre for the country's wine-growing regions it has been awarded the international title of "City of Vine and Wine".



Ljubljana Quality Selection is a trademark

identifying Ljubljana's restaurants and small centrally located shops meeting high standards of quality in terms of choice on offer, service, and facilities. The quality of the city's shops and restaurants is assessed by anonymous inspectors. Restaurant offerings are assessed by a panel of experts and the highest rated establishments receive Ljubljana Quality Selection awards and commendations.

Restaurants

Slovenian cuisine

Gostilna Gorjanc

Tržaška cesta 330
T: 423 11 11
W: www.gorjanc.eu

Gostilna Kmečki Hram

Tomačevska 50
T: 560 70 00
W: www.kmeckihram.si

Gostilna Medana

Cesta v Mestni log 3
T: 041 770 854
W: www.restavracija-medana.si
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed

Gostilna Na gradu

Grajska planota 1, E5
T: 08 205 19 30, 031 301 777
W: www.nagradu.si

Gostilna Pod lipo

Borštnikov trg 3, C5
T: 422 4110
W: www.podlipo.si

Gostilna Pod vrbo

Ziherlova ulica 36, D8
T: 280 88 92
W: www.podvrbo.si
Closed Sun and public holidays.

Gostilna pri Kovaču

Cesta II. grupa odreda 82
T: 542 95 77

Taste something typically Slovenian

The best known Slovenian speciality is *kranjska klobasa*, a sausage first mentioned in written records in 1896. Try also *prekmurska gibanica*, a layered cake from the Prekmurje region, *potica*, a yeast-dough cake with a variety of filling options, and the *kraški pršut prosciutto*, typical of the coastal Slovenia and the Kras region.

Gostilna pri Vodniku

Vodnikova 65A
T: 505 59 07
W: www.privodniku.si
Gostilna Sokol
Ciril-Metodov trg 18, E5
T: 439 68 55
W: www.gostilna-sokol.com

Gostilna Stari Tišler

Kolodvorska ulica 8, E3
T: 430 33 70
W: www.stari-tisler.com

Gostilna Šestica

Slovenska cesta 40, D4
T: 242 08 55
W: www.sestica.si

Gostilna Zlata ribica

Cankarjevo nabrežje 5, E5
T: 620 88 34
W: www.zlata-ribica.si

Gostilnica Mencigar - Nobile

Zarnikova ulica 3, G6
T: 439 70 40, 051 482 808
W: www.prekmurska-gostilna.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Gostilnica Rimska XXI

Rimska ulica 21, C6
T: 256 56 54

Gūjžina

Mestni trg 19, E5
T: 083 806 446
W: www.prekmurska-gostilna.si

Pri Mraku

Rimska cesta 4, D6
T: 421 96 00
W: www.daj-dam.si

Pri Žabarju

Viška cesta 50
T: 423 24 62
W: www.prizabarju.si
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Vodnikov hram

Vodnikov trg 2, F5
T: 234 52 60
W: www.vodnikov-hram.si

Asian cuisine

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Šubičeva cesta 1a, **D5**
T: 425 30 60
W: www.dabuda.si

Moysushi

Mestni trg 17, **E5**
T: 059 935 540
W: www.moysushi.com
Sun and public holidays closed.

Namasté

Breg 8, **D6**
T: 425 01 59
W: www.restavracija-namaste.si

Shambala

Križevniška ulica 12, **D6**
T: 031 843 833
W: www.shambala.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Sushimama

Wolfova ulica 12, **D5**
T: 040 702 070
W: www.sushimama.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Thai Inn Pub

Rimska cesta 17, **C6**
T: 421 03 77
W: www.thaipub.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Balkan cuisine

Gostišče Portal

Zaloška cesta 110
T: 540 01 66
W: www.portal-m.si

Gostilnica Rio Momo

Slovenska cesta 28, **D5**
T: 425 32 26
W: www.riomomo.si
Sun closed

Harambaša

Vrtna ulica 8, **D7**
T: 041 843 106
W: www.harambasa.si
Public holidays closed.

Gostilna Čad

Cesta na Rožnik 18
T: 251 34 46
W: www.gostilna-cad.si

Pri Jovotu

Poljanska cesta 99
T: 520 30 00,
W: www.prijovotu.com

Sarajevo '84

Nazorjeva 12, **D4**
T: 425 71 06
W: www.sarajevo84.si

Sofra

Dunajska cesta 145
T: 565 68 00
W: www.restavracijasofra.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Mediterranean cuisine

Allegria

Nazorjeva ulica 8, **D4**
T: 426 74 02,
W: www.allegria.si

As Aperitivo

Čopova ulica 5a, **D4**
(Knafljev prehod)
T: 425 41 68
W: www.gostilnaas.si

Bistro Zvezda

Kongresni trg 3, **D5**
T: 421 90 91
W: www.zvezdaljubljana.si
Public holidays closed.

Lunch café Marley & Me

Stari trg 9, **E6**
T: 08 380 66 10
W: www.lunchcafe.si

Don Felipe

Streliška ulica 22, **F6**
T: 434 38 62

Mirje

Tržaška cesta 5, **B6**
T: 426 60 15
W: www.restavracija-mirje.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Pekorino

Nazorjeva 5, **D4**
T: 08 205 56 30
W: www.pekorino.si

Restavracija Most

Petkovškovo nabrežje 21, **E4**
T: 232 81 83
W: www.restavracija-most.si

Taverna Tatjana

Gornji trg 38, **E6**
T: 421 00 87
W: www.taverna-tatjana.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

International cuisine

Cafe bar & restaurant Roxly

Mala ulica 5, **E4**
T: 430 10 21
W: www.roxly.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Eksperiment

Slovenska cesta 10, **D6**
T: 064 160 184
W: www.eksperiment.si

Gostilna Kovač

Pot k Savi 9
T: 537 12 44
W: www.gostilnakovac.eu
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed

Julija

Stari trg 9, **E6**
T: 425 64 63
W: www.julijarestaurant.si

Le petit café

Trg francoske revolucije 4, **D6**
T: 251 25 75
W: www.lepetit.si

Oštarija Pr' Noni

Cesta v Gorice 1
T: 242 58 20
W: www.prononi.si

Pri Škofu

Rečna ulica 8, **D7**
T: 426 45 08

Pri Vitezu

Breg 20, **D6**
T: 426 60 58
W: www.privitezu.si
Sun closed

Restaurant Cubo Hotel

Slovenska cesta 15
T: 425 60 30
W: www.hotelcubo.com
Sun closed

Restaurant Element

Šlandrova 4B
T: 059 049 290
W: www.kaval-group.si
Sun closed

Restavracija & lounge Slon

Slovenska 34, **D4**
T: 470 11 81
W: www.hotelslon.si

Restavracija Nebotičnik

Štefanova ulica 1, **D4**
T: 040 601 787
W: www.neboticnik.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Restavracija River House

Gallusovo nabrežje 31, **E6**
T: 425 40 90
W: www.riverhouse.si

Restavracija Unionski vrt

Miklošičeva cesta 1, **E4**
T: 308 12 95
W: www.gh-union.si
Open daily from June to Sept.

Restavracija Zlato Runo (Georgian cuisine)

Štihova 2
T: 05 904 71 07
W: www.zlatoruno.si
Mon and public holidays closed.

Stara Mačka

Krojaška ulica 8, **E5**
T: 041 688 819
W: www.staramacka.si

Špajza

Gornji trg 28, **E7**
T: 425 30 94
W: www.spajza-restaurant.si

Yildiz Han (Turkish cuisine)

Karlovška csta 19
T: 041 376 437
W: www.yildiz-han.com
Sun and public holidays closed.

Mexican cuisine

Café Romeo

Stari trg 6, **E6**
T: 040 70 60 70
W: www.caferomeo.si

Cantina Mexicana

Wolfova ulica 4, **D4**
T: 426 93 25
W: www.cantina.si

Joe Pena's Cantina y Bar

Cankarjeva cesta 6, **D4**
T: 421 58 00
W: www.joopenas.si

Mexico 1867

Medvedova cesta 18, **C1**
T: 041 328 766
W: mexico1867.com
Sun and public holidays closed.

Vegetarian cuisine

Ajdovo zrno

Trubarjeva cesta 7, **E4**
T: 040 832 446
W: www.ajdovo-zrno.si
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Govinda's

Žibertova ulica 23, **C1**
T: 059 058 381
W: www.govindas.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Repete-Jazz & Okrepčila

Gornji trg 23, **E6**
T: 059 015 934

Fine dining restaurants

Gostilna As

Čopova ulica 5a, **D4**
T: 425 88 22
W: www.gostilnaas.si

Harfa

Koprska ulica 98
T: 423 24 11
W: www.harfa-restavracija.si
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Hiša kulinarike Manna

Eiprova ulica 1a, **D7**
T: 059 922 308
W: www.restavracija-manna.si

Maxim

Trg republike 1, **D5**
T: 051 285 335
W: www.maxi.si
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Restavracija Cubo

Šmartinska cesta 55
T: 521 15 15
W: www.cubo-ljubljana.com
Sun and public holidays closed.

Restavracija JB

Miklošičeva cesta 17, **E3**
T: 430 70 70
W: www.jb-slo.com
Sun and public holidays closed.

Separé

Koprska ulica 92
T: 244 16 34
W: www.separe.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Smrekarjev hram

Nazorjeva ulica 2, **E4**
T: 308 19 07
W: www.gh-union.si
Closed from June to August.

Restavracija Pri Levu

Vošnjakova ulica 1, **D3**
T: 432 70 89
W: www.prilevu.si

Valvas'or

Stari trg 7, **E6**
T: 425 04 55
W: www.valvasor.net
Sun and public holidays closed.

Pizza restaurants

Emonska klet

Plečnikov trg 1, **D5**
T: 421 93 00
W: www.emonskaklet.com

Tippling

There are no fixed rules regarding tipping in Slovenia, but tips (approx. 10 percent of the bill) are always welcome in return for good service.

Ljubljanski dvor

Dvorni trg 1, **D5**
T: 251 65 55

Pizzerija Osmica

Nazorjeva ulica 8, **D4**
T: 426 58 72
W: www.osmica.si

Pizzerija Parma

Trg republike 2 (Maximarket underground shopping arcade), **D5**
T: 426 82 22
W: www.picerija.net/parma
Sun and public holidays closed.

Pivnica Kratochwill

Kolodvorska ulica 14, **F3**
T: 433 31 14,
W: www.kratochwill.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Pizzeria Foculus

Gregorčičeva ulica 3, **D6**
T: 421 92 95
W: www.foculus.si

Pizzeria Kavalino

Trubarjeva cesta 52, **F4**
T: 232 09 90
W: kavalino.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Restavracija in picerija Piazza

Parmova ulica 51, **D1**
T: 436 31 81
W: www.piazza.si

Pizzeria Trnovski Zvon

Eipprova 17
T: 283 94 64
W: www.pizzerijatrnovskizvon.com

Pizzeria Tunnel

Karlovska cesta 5, **F7**
T: 426 40 00,
W: www.tunnel.si
31 Dec and 1 Jan closed.

Trta

Grudnovno nabrežje 21, **E7**
T: 426 50 66
W: www.trta.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Breakfast restaurants

Bazilika Shop & Cafe

Miklošičeva cesta 22
T: 031 261 785
W: www.bazilika.si
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Cafe Bar and Restaurant Roxly

Mala ulica 5, **E4**
T: 430 10 21
W: www.roxly.si

Eksperiment Restaurant and Bar

Slovenska cesta 10, **D6**
T: 064 160 184
W: www.eksperiment.si

Čajna hiša Cha - Teehouse

Stari trg 3, **E6**
T: 421 24 40
W: www.cha.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Dvorni bar

Dvorni trg 2, **D5**
T: 251 12 57
W: www.dvornibar.net

Le petit café

Trg francoske revolucije 4, **D6**
T: 251 25 75
W: www.lepetit.si

Paninoteka

Jurčičev trg 3, **D5**
T: 040 349 329

restaurants

Ati

Greek takeaway
Stari trg 28, **E6**
T: 425 51 08

Čompa

Bistro
Trubarjeva cesta 40, **F4**
T: 040 799 334
Sun and public holidays closed.

Čupiterija

Snack bar
Mestni trg 4, **E5**
T: 059 712 368

Dvor

Pizza takeaway
Dvorni trg 1, **D5**
T: 251 65 55

Falafel

Takeaway
Trubarjeva cesta 40, **F4**
T: 041 640 166
W: www.falafel.si

Hollyfood

Igriška ulica 5, **C5**
T: 059 058 381
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Papiga

Trubarjeva cesta 17, **E4**
T: 251 07 68
Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Hiša Okusov

Bistro
Trubarjeva cesta 40, **E5**
T: 041 727 919

Restavracija Polna skleda

Pot za Brdom 4 (Hotel Mons)
T: 470 27 00

Ribca

Seafood bistro at the fish market
Adamič-Lundrovo nabrežje 1, **E5**
T: 425 15 44
W: www.ribca.si
Sun and public holidays closed.

Samopostrežna restavracija 2000

Cafeteria in the Maximarket underground shopping arcade.
Trg republike 1, **D5**
T: 051 285 334
Sun and public holidays closed.

Žmauc

Rimska 21, **C6**
T: 251 03 24

Wine bars

Dvorni bar

Dvorni trg 2, **D5**

T: 251 12 57

W: www.dvornibar.net

EVino BAR

Šmartinska cesta 53

T: 401 80 08

W: www.evino.si

Sun and public holidays closed.

Vinoteka Dvor

Dvorni trg 2, **D5**

T: 251 36 44

W: www.kozelj.si

Sun and public holidays closed.

Vinoteka Movia

Mestni trg 2, **E5**

T: 425 54 48

W: www.movia.si

Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Vinoteka Provin

Slovenčeva ulica 97

T: 568 16 19

Sat, Sun and public holidays closed.

Confectioneries

Cacao

Petkovškovo nabrežje 3, **E4**

T: 430 17 71

W: www.cacao.si

Čokoladni atelje Dobnik

Trg Republike 1, (Maximarket Passage) **C5**

T: 425 31 41

W: www.cokoladniatelj.si

Sun and public holidays closed.

Čolnarna

27. aprila 2a (Tivoli park)

T: 256 50 90

W: www.colnarna.si

Kavarna Zvezda

Wolfova 14, **D5**

T: 421 90 91

W: www.zvezdaljubljana.si/kavarna

Mihalek

Celovška cesta 56, **B1**

T: 231 91 11

W: www.slascice-mihalek.si

Slaščičarna Galerija Grad

Rožna dolina cesta XV/14

T: 422 87 65

W: www.torte.si

Slaščičarna pri vodnjaku

Stari trg 30, **E6**

T: 425 07 12

Slaščičarna Zvezdica

Slovenska cesta 34, **D4**

(Hotel Slon building)

T: 470 11 46

Plato

Ajdovščina 1, **D4**

T: 230 84 81

W: www.plato.si

Sun and public holidays closed.

Grajska Kavarna

Grajska planota 1, **E5**

T: 439 41 41

W: www.grajskakavarna.si

Slaščičarna Lolita

Cankarjevo nabrežje 1, **E5**

T: 041 344 189

W: www.slascicarna-lolita.si





Entertainment
and nightlife

Entertainment in Ljubljana is not over when evening cultural events end, but goes on until the wee hours. There is an array of nightlife options of different genres. Quite late at night you can enjoy yourself at pubs and wine bars or – especially during the summer season – have a relaxing drink at one of the numerous open-air cafés located on the banks of the Ljubljanica and elsewhere. The city's nightlife continues into the small hours at clubs and casinos. Late night entertainment is available at rock and jazz clubs and venues for electronic dance music events. Weekends, of course, are the liveliest.

Clubs

Arena

Šmartinska cesta 152
T: 520 56 26
W: www.arena.si

Cafe bar & restaurant Roxly

Mala ulica 5, E4
T: 041 399 599
W: www.roxly.si

Cirkus

Trg mladinskih delovnih brigad 7, B6
T: 051 631 631
W: www.cirkuskklub.si

Cvetličarna

Kranjčeva ulica 20,
T: 0590 26 316
W: www.cvetlicarna.info

Emonska klet

Plečnikov trg 1, D5
T: 421 93 00
W: www.emonskaklet.com

Etno klub Zlati Zob

Zaloška cesta 69
T: 040 563 100
W: www.zlatizob.si

En Pub

Celovška cesta 150
T: 514 11 27
W: www.enpub.si

Goodlife - Castle Lounge Club

Grajska planota 1, E5
T: 439 41 40
W: www.goodlife-loungeclub.si

InBox

Jurčkova cesta 224
T: 600 50 86

Jazz klub Gajo - Slovene Writers' Association's summer garden

Tomšičeva ulica 12, C4
T: 425 32 06
W: www.jazzclubgajo.com
Open in summer only.

Metelkova mesto alternative culture centre

Masarykova cesta 24, G3
W: www.metelkovamesto.org

Klub Nebotičnik

Štefanova, D4
T: 040 601 787
W: www.neboticnik.si

Orto bar

Grablovičeva ulica 1
T: 232 16 74
W: www.orto-bar.com

Piano Bar

Nazorjeva ulica 6, D4

Pr'Skelet Disco Bar

Kongresni trg 3, D4
T: 040 852 366
W: www.prskelet.com

Top Six

Tomšičeva ulica 2, D4
T: 040 66 77 22
W: www.klubtop.si

Ultra

Nazorjeva ulica 6, D4
T: 031 560 713
W: www.ultra-club.si

Adult entertainment

Escape

Grablovičeva ulica 1
W: www.nightclub-escape.si

Hard Core Cafe

Dolgi most 4
T: 041 716 612
W: www.hardcoreclub.si

Latino Night Club

Šmartinska cesta 152,
Hala 18
T: 059 952 121

Nočni klub Slon

Slovenska cesta 34, **D4**

T: 470 11 48

Tanga

Brnčičeva ulica 13

T: 041 615 888

Casinos

Casino Lev

Electronic roulettes and gaming machines

Vošnjakova ulica 1, **D3**

T: 430 42 23

W: www.casinolev.com

Casino Rio (Arena - Gladiator)

Electronic roulettes and gaming machines

Šmartinska cesta 152

T: 520 56 50

W: www.casino-rio.si

Casino Rio Central

Miklošičeva cesta 9, **E3**

T: 143 07 400

W: www.casino-rio.si

Casino Kongo

Ljubljanska cesta 65,
1290 Grosuplje

T: 781 0200

W: www.kongo-hc.com

Gay and lesbian venues

Monokel

Metelkova mesto alternative culture centre

Masarykova cesta 24, **G3**

W: www.klubmonokel.com

Tiffany

Metelkova mesto alternative culture centre

Masarykova cesta 24, **G3**

W: www.kulturnicenterq.org/tiffany/klub/

Q Cultural Centre

Metelkova mesto alternative culture centre

Masarykova cesta 24, **G3**

W: www.kulturnicenterq.org/en

Cinemas

Cankarjev Dom

Prešernova cesta 10, **C5**

T: 241 72 99

W: www.cd-cc.si

Kinocenter Kolosej multiplex cinema

Šmartinska cesta 152

T: 520 55 02

W: www.kolosej.si

Kinodvor city cinema

Kolodvorska ulica 13, **F3**

T: 239 22 13

W: www.kinodvor.org

Komuna

Cankarjeva 1, **D4**

W: www.kolosej.si

Slovenska Kinoteka cinematheque

Miklošičeva cesta 28, **E3**

T: 434 25 20

W: www.kinoteka.si

XpanD digital 3D cinema

Šmartinska cesta 152

T: 520 56 40

W: www.kolosej.si





Shopping



Central Ljubljana is like a super-relaxed shopping centre. Here you will find anything from shops offering well known internationally-branded products to those selling creations by local designers, often strikingly original. There are many antique shops, selling galleries and artist studios, testifying to the city's vibrant creative scene. A place not to be missed is the picturesque Central Market, designed by the architect Jože Plečnik. Large shopping centres are located outside the city centre. Ljubljana offers plenty of everything for every pocket.

Central Market

Vodnikov trg, Pogačarjev trg
T: 300 12 00
W: www.lpt.si/trznice
Sun and public holidays closed.

Art Market

Čevljarski most (Cobblers' Bridge), Breg embankment
Open Sat 9:00-16:00
From May to September

Flea Market

Breg embankment
Open Sun 8:00-14:00.

Ljubljana Old Town

Ciril-Metodov trg, Mestni trg, Novi trg, Stari trg and Gornji trg squares Ljubljana Old Town's five squares blend into each other to form one long shopping street full of outlets offering the finest from Slovenia, from unique handmade crystalware and lace to culinary creations and unique clothing.

Ljubljana city centre

Ljubljana's main shopping streets are Slovenska cesta, Miklošičeva cesta, Čopova ulica, Nazorjeva ulica, Tavčarjeva ulica and Trubarjeva cesta.

TIC Ljubljana Shop

Take a little something of Ljubljana home with you. Visit the TIC Ljubljana Shop, which offers a wide and varied choice of souvenirs and small pieces of art. The most authentic souvenirs are branded as "Ljubljana Souvenir".
Stritarjeva ulica street,
T: 306 12 15,
W: www.visitljubljana.com
Open daily 10:00-19:00.

Department stores

Galerija Emporium

Prešernov trg 4B, E4
T: 308 42 10
W: www.galerijaemporium.si

Maximarket

Trg republike 1, D5
T: 476 68 00
W: www.maxi.si

Midas

Ajdovščina 3
T: 300 46 00
W: www.midas.si

Nama

Tomšičeva ulica 1, D4
T: 425 83 00
W: www.nama.si

Shopping centres

BTC City

Šmartinska cesta 152
T: 585 22 22
W: www.btc-city.com
Sun and public holidays closed.

City Park

Šmartinska cesta 152g
T: 587 30 50
W: www.citypark.si

Supernova

Jurčkova cesta 223
T: 08 200 80 00
W: www.supernova.si

Shop opening hours

Most city centre shops are open from 9:00-19:00 on weekdays and from 8:00-13:00 on Saturdays, whereas suburban shopping centres also stay open on Saturday afternoons and Sundays until 15:00.



Sports and recreation

Having large areas of greenery, Ljubljana offers plenty of opportunities for sports and recreation. Sports activities and events of all kinds, including national and international competitions, are an important part of life in Ljubljana. Plenty of opportunities for sports and recreation are also available at other destinations in Slovenia, all of which are relatively easily accessible from the capital. There are numerous hiking trails and cycle routes for those enjoying outdoor pursuits. Winter sports lovers can easily reach mountain ski resorts, and those seeking summer relaxation the coast.

Path of Remembrance and Comradeship (The Green Ring)

The Path of Remembrance and Comradeship is a well-maintained gravel-paved recreational footpath around Ljubljana running along the course of the barbed wire fence erected by the Italian occupying forces during the Second World War to weaken the resistance movement. The 33-kilometre long circular path leads both through urban areas and their surrounding meadows and forests.

Recreation centres

Stožice Centre

Vojkova cesta 100
T: 08 387 60 86
W: www.sport-ljubljana.si/center-stozice

Bit Center Hotel

Litijska cesta 57
T: 548 00 55
W: www.bit-center.net

Rekreacijski center Tivoli

Celovška cesta 25, B2
T: 431 51 55
W: www.sport-ljubljana.si

Športni park Ljubljana

Milčinskega ulica 2
T: 432 50 50
W: www.sport-ljubljana.si

Športni park Kodeljevo

Gortanova ulica 21
T: 520 13 00
W: www.sport-ljubljana.si

Golf courses

Golf Arboretum

T: 831 80 80
W: www.golfarboretum.si

Golf klub Barje

T: 031 688 355
W: www.golf-klub-barje.si

Diners Golf & Country Club

T: 051 623 883
W: golf-ljubljana.si

Golf igrišče Trnovo

T: 051 366 690
W: www.golftnovo.com
Public golf course.

Golf Clarus

T: 200 09 18
W: www.golfclarus.si

Golf Sneberje

T: 041 675 059

Water parks

Laguna Spa & Fun

Dunajska cesta 270
T: 589 01 40
W: www.laguna.si
Open 9:00-20:00 daily from Jun to Sep.

Vodno mesto Atlantis

Šmartinska cesta 152
T: 585 21 00
W: www.atlantis-vodnomesto.si
Open daily 9:00-23.00.

Water sports

Kajak kanu klub Tacen

Marinovševa cesta 8a
T: 513 65 30
W: www.kajakklubtacen.si

Skok Sport

Marinovševa cesta 8
T: 512 44 02
W: www.skok-sport.si

Veslaški klub Ljubljana

Velika čolnarska ulica 20
T: 283 87 12
W: www.vesl-klub-ljubljana.si

Ski resorts

RTC Krvavec

Grad 76, Cerklje na Gorenjskem
T: 04 252 59 30
W: www.rtc-krvavec.si

Wellness centres

Breza savna klub

Lepodvorska ulica 13
T: 231 97 13
W: www.savnabreza.com

Fanči kozmetika & savna

Golouhova ulica 28
T: 428 70 10
W: www.fanci.si

Sense Wellness Club

Dunajska cesta 154
T: 588 26 00
W: www.sense-club.com

Sunny Studio

Regentova cesta 37
T: 513 44 44
W: www.sunny.si

Vodno mesto Atlantis

Šmartinska cesta 152
T: 585 21 00
W: www.atlantis-vodnomesto.si

Thai center

Šišenska cesta 131
T: 514 15 60
W: www.thai.si

Mass participation sporting events

Ljubljana March, Threesomes Run

May
The two events are held along different stretches of the Path of Remembrance and Comradeship.
W: www.pohod.si

Franja Marathon

June
This cycling event consists of a marathon (156km), a short marathon (97km), and a family marathon (25km).
W: www.franja.org

Ljubljana Marathon

October
The Ljubljana Marathon consists of a classical marathon (42km), a half marathon (21km) and several recreational runs of varying lengths. All the races are held within the wider city centre area.
W: www.ljubljanskimaraton.si

Ljubljana
for families



Ljubljana is a children-friendly city, which is particularly obvious during summer, when the Ljubljanica river embankments host creative workshops for children, libraries operate in the shade of trees, and children's puppet and theatre shows are held in the city's streets and squares. Ljubljana's numerous green areas, stretching right into the city centre, are ideal places for family leisure and recreation. Since the expansion of pedestrian zones, Ljubljana is an even safer city.

Experiences

Ljubljana Zoo

Živalski vrt Ljubljana
Večna pot 70
T: 244 21 88
W: www.zoo.si
The Ljubljana Zoo runs an animal experience tour offering an opportunity to be in very close contact with animals. During the tour, specially designed for families with children, visitors learn about animals, get to feed them and lots more.
Open daily, 9:00-19:00 from May to Aug, 9:00-18:00 in Apr and Sep, 9:00-17:00 in Mar and Oct, 9:00-16:00, in Jan, Feb, Nov and Dec.

House of Experiments

Hiša eksperimentov
Trubarjeva cesta 39, **F4**
T: 300 68 88
W: www.h-e.si
House of Experiments is Slovenia's first hands-on science centre, intended for both children and adults. It aims at popularizing science and proving that learning can also be fun.
Open weekends 11:00-19:00.
Interactive lectures referred to as "Experiences" begin at 17:00.

Tourist road train and boat rides

Riding on a small road train is a wonderful experience for children. Train rides, available during the summer season, depart from the city centre every hour on the hour and from the castle hill every hour at 20 minutes past the hour. Just as exciting are tourist boat rides under the bridges crossing the Ljubljanica river.

Tivoli B2-5, C2-4

Tivoli, Ljubljana's largest park, is an ideal place for family fun activities and walks in natural surroundings. The park has a fish pond with a cake shop and a large children's playground next to it. Not far away is a glasshouse housing a display of tropical plants. A whole section is dedicated to carnivorous plants, a big attraction for children.

Ljubljana Botanic Garden

Botanični vrt v Ljubljani
Ižanska cesta 15, **G9**
T: 427 12 80
W: www.botanicni-vrt.si
Learning about plants can be great fun. A proof of that is the Ljubljana Botanic Garden, where plants have been cultivated for 200 years.
Open daily, 7:00-19:00 from 1 Apr to 31 Oct, 7:00-20:00 from 1 Jul to 31 Aug, 7:00-17:00 from 1 Nov to 31 Mar.

Library under Trees

Knjižnica pod krošnjami
Various outdoor locations (summer months only)
Books can be even more fun if we read them outdoors. Perfect locations to get lost in a book are Ljubljana's "libraries under trees", set up in peaceful natural surroundings.

Sezam's Children's Flea Market

Sezamov otroški boljši sejem
Drenikova ulica 35
(Tržnica Šiška market)
T: 251 12 18
W: www.zdruzenje-sezam.si
This flea market, where children's equipment, clothing and toys are sold or exchanged, is accompanied by a programme of music and creative workshops for children. Admission is €1.00. Open 9:30-13:00 every third Sunday of the month except summer months.

House of Children and Arts

Hiša otrok in umetnosti

Komenskega 9, **D4**

T: 041 663 904

The House of Children and Arts runs creative workshops and play sessions where children can get acquainted with puppetry, theatre, music, painting, sculpting, poetry, fairy-tale writing and much more. Puppet shows are held occasionally.

Vodno mesto Atlantis water park

Šmartinska cesta 152

T: 585 21 00

W: www.atlantis-vodnomesto.si

Open daily 9:00-23:00.

Laguna Spa & Fun water park

Dunajska cesta 270

T: 589 01 41

W: www.laguna.si

Open 9:00-20:00 daily from Jun to Sep.

Annual children's events

Grandpa Frost Procession

W: www.visitljubljana.com

A few days before New Year's Eve, children are visited by Grandpa Frost (the Slovenian counterpart of Santa Clause), who arrives from the North in a carriage escorted by horsemen on white Lipizzaner horses, snowmen, bears, rabbits, and all kinds of fairy-tale characters.

Moon Festival

W: www.luninportal.si

Intended for all children and young people, the Moon Festival is conceived as a programme of free entertainment, educational, sporting and cultural events offering an opportunity to spend leisure time actively.

Mini Summer

W: www.mini-teater.si

Mini Summer is an international puppet festival held from June to August.

Children's playground locations

Tivoli Park **B4**

North Park/Severni park **F1**

Castle hill (Osoje Playground/Igrišče Osoje) **E6**

Špica embankment

(Prule playground/Igrišče Prule) **F8**

The area next to the Slovene Ethnographic Museum **G3**

Ljubljana Zoo

Slovenian Reformation Park/ Park slovenske reformacije **D3**

Družinski center mala ulica

Children's theatres

Ljubljana Puppet Theatre

Lutkovno gledališče Ljubljana

Krekov trg 2, **F5**

T: 300 09 70

W: www.lgl.si

Ljubljana Puppet Theatre - Kulturnica

Lutkovno gledališče Ljubljana -

Kulturnica

Židovska steza 1, **D5**

T: 300 09 74

W: www.lgl.si

Ljubljana Mini Theatre

Mini teater Ljubljana

Ljubljana Castle, **E5**

T: 425 60 60

W: www.mini-teater.si

Ljubljana Mini Theatre - Križevniška

Mini teater Ljubljana -

Križevniška

Križevniška ulica 1, **D6**

T: 425 60 60

W: www.mini-teater.si

Children and Young People's Theatre of Ljubljana

Gledališče za otroke in mlade

Ljubljana - GOML

Zaloška cesta 61

T: 548 45 40

W: www.goml.si

Mladinsko Theatre

Slovensko mladinsko gledališče

Vilharjeva ulica 11, **F1**

T: 230 12 86

W: www.mladinsko.com

Baby changing and breastfeeding facilities

Triple Bridge Toilet

(baby changing facilities)

Tromostovje, **E5**

Plečnik Underpass Toilet

(baby changing facilities)

Plečnikov podhod, **D5**

Kresija Toilet

(baby changing facilities)
Stritarjeva ulica 6, **E5**

Sezam association of parents and children

(baby changing and breastfeeding facilities)
Novi trg 1, **D6**

Nama department store

(baby changing and breastfeeding facilities)
Tomšičeva cesta 1, children's department (5th floor), **D4**

Maximarket department store

(baby changing facilities)
Trg republike 1, children's department, **D5**

Čajna hiša Cha tea house

(baby changing facilities)
Stari trg 3, **E6**

Centralna lekarna pharmacy

(baby changing facilities)
Prešernov trg 5, **E4**

Lekarna Barsos-H pharmacy

(baby changing and breastfeeding facilities)
Gregorčičeva ulica 9a, **C6**

Slaščičarna Čolnarna cake shop

(baby changing facilities)
Tivoli Park, **B4**

Butchers Bridge Toilet

(baby changing facilities)
Butchers Bridge, **E4**



Excursions
from Ljubljana



Slovenia is a diverse country. Hardly anywhere else in the world can you find so many natural and cultural attractions on such a small area of land. Ljubljana, due to its central position, is a perfect base for exploring the country's beauties. Distances are short and within an hour you can reach the coast, high mountains or Slovenia's famous underground caves. Just pick a direction and go.

Excursions to major places of interest in Slovenia can be booked at Ljubljana's tourist information centres and from the website at www.visitljubljana.com. Get a free copy of the leaflet *Excursions from Ljubljana* and pick an excursion of your choice.

1 Ljubljana Marshes

Ljubljana Marshes (Ljubljansko barje), a nature park extending south of the city, is well known for its extraordinary mixture of unusual natural and man-made sights such as the Iški Vintgar gorge, the Podpeško jezero lake, Jože Plečnik's Church of St. Michael, and the Technical Museum of Slovenia.

2 Šmarna gora (9km)

The 669-metre high Šmarna gora is the most popular spot for hikers from Ljubljana. To reach the foot of the hill, take city bus service 8 to Gameljne.

3 Kamnik (20km)

One of the oldest Slovenian towns, situated at the foot of the Kamnik Alps. Well known for its numerous historical and cultural monuments, a small castle and a Romanesque chapel built on a rocky hill.

4 Škofja Loka (21km)

Being one of Slovenia's oldest towns, Škofja Loka has numerous historical monuments, including a castle.

5 Krvavec (30km)

Krvavec, rising up to 1,971 metres above sea level, is a large ski resort offering 26 kilometres of ski runs and an Eskimo village in winter, and countless hiking opportunities in the summer.

6 Postojna (53km)

Postojna is renowned across the world for its 27-kilometre long system of underground caves, home to an endemic salamander species, and the nearby Predjama Castle. The cave tour includes a ride on a small cave train.

7 Bled (54km)

The resort town of Bled is best known for a lake with a little island in the middle, where visitors are taken in a traditional "pletna" boat, a castle standing on top of a cliff overlooking the lake, and delicious cream cakes.

8 Krka River Valley (69km)

The valley of the Krka river is remarkable for its scenic beauty and picturesque castles and monasteries. Its most delightful attractions are the little medieval town of Kostanjevica na Krki, Otočec Castle, the Pleterje Carthusian Monastery, the Terme Čatež thermal spa resort, and Mokrice Castle.

9 Novo Mesto (69km)

Novo Mesto, the centre of the Dolenjska region, was founded in 1365 in the midst of a hilly wine-growing landscape embraced by the river Krka. The town's historical and cultural attractions in the town are complemented by two nearby spas: Dolenjske Toplice and Šmarješke Toplice.

10 Logar Valley (70km)

The idyllic Logar Valley, with its numerous natural sights and unique landscape features is a protected area of natural beauty, well known for its waterfalls, abysses, overhanging walls, and springs.

11 Bohinj (75km)

Bohinj, famous for its lake and the nearby Savica Waterfall, is a good base for treks into the Julian Alps. The area is well known for traditional cheese making, so make sure to taste the famous Bohinj cheese.

12 Celje (76km)

Once home to the Counts of Celje, one of the most powerful medieval families, the country's third largest city boasts many cultural and historical treasures. Not far from Celje are the Šempeter Roman Necropolis and several renowned health resorts: Dobrna, Topolšica, Laško, Rogaška Slatina, and Olimia.

13 Lipica Stud Farm (80km)

The Lipica Stud Farm, world renowned for its classical riding school, was the first stud farm ever to breed Lipizzaner horses. Open all year round.

14 Škocjan Caves (80km)

Being a unique natural and cultural heritage site, the Škocjan Caves have been included in the UNESCO World Natural Heritage List since 1986. Together with the subterranean stream of the river Reka, they form one of Europe's longest subterranean wetlands of karstic origin.

15 Kranjska Gora (84km)

Kranjska Gora, located on the edge of the Triglav National Park, is a popular resort for sports enthusiasts. Do not miss the annual World Cup ski jumping and ski flying competitions in Planica and the Vitranc Cup alpine skiing competition.

16 Slovenian Istria: Koper, Piran, Portorož, Izola (120km)

Slovenian Istria has a 47-kilometre long coastline. Its leading resort town is Portorož and its major cultural and historical attractions the medieval towns of Piran, Koper and Izola. A particular attraction are the area's salinas, a small one in Strunjan and a large one in Sečovelje. Also interesting is the hinterland.

17 Maribor (122km)

Maribor, Slovenia's second biggest city, lies along the banks of the river Drava, at the foot of the Pohorje mountain range,

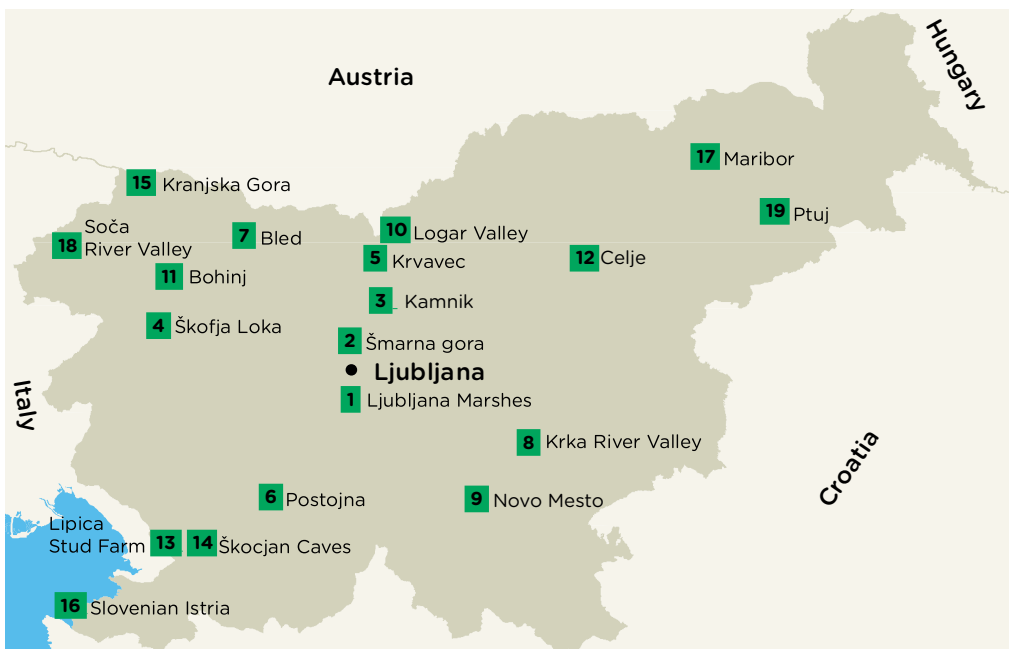
where the women's Alpine Skiing World Cup competition for the Golden Fox Trophy is held annually. Maribor, nicknamed "City of Wine", is famous for the world's oldest vine, planted over four hundred years ago.

18 Soča River Valley: Bovec, Kobarid, Tolmin (130km)

The Soča earned its nickname "Emerald River" for its lush green colour. Its white water rapids offer one of the best adrenaline-fuelled water sports experiences in this part of Europe. Make sure not to miss the world renowned World War I Museum in Kobarid.

19 Ptuj (130km)

Being Slovenia's oldest town, Ptuj is famous for its rich cultural heritage, best exemplified by Ptuj Castle, which houses the Regional Museum of Ptuj and the Ptuj Wine Cellar, and hosts Slovenia's largest carnival, known as Kurentovanje.





Practical
information



Banks

Most banks are centrally located and open weekdays (except public holidays) from 9 a.m. to 13 noon and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Money can also be exchanged at bureaux de change and some hotels.

Car hire

Agio Rent a Car

Celovška cesta 228
T: 070 727 777
W: www.agio.si

Avantcar

Dunajska cesta 140 and
Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport
T: 589 08 50, 080 2114
W: www.avantcar.si

Atet

Devova ulica 6a and
Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport
T: 513 70 17
W: www.atet.si

Avis Rent a Car

GH Union, Miklošičeva 3, **E4**,
and Ljubljana Jože Pučnik
Airport
T: 241 73 40
W: www.avis.si

Budget car rental

Miklošičeva cesta 3, **E3**, and
Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport
T: 421 17 340
W: www.budget.si

Europcar Slovenia

City Hotel, Dalmatinova ulica
15, **E4**, Celovška cesta 268 and
Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport
T: 031 382 058, 031 382 052
W: www.europcar.si

Hertz Rent a Car

Trdinova ulica 9, **E3**, and
Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport
T: 434 01 47
W: www.hertz.si

SIXT rent a car & leasing

Trg Osvobodilne fronte 5, **F2**, and
Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport
T: 234 46 50
W: www.e-sixt.si

Dry cleaners

Labod

Pražakova ulica 12, **E3**
T: 232 10 62
W: www.cistilnica-labod.si
Poljanski nasip 8, **F5**
T: 282 10 11
W: www.cistilnica-labod.si

Chemo Express

Vidovdanska 2, **F3**
T: 231 07 82

Emergency

Police: 113

First aid: 112

Fire brigade: 112

Accident and emergency: Ljubljana University Medical Centre - Emergency Department

Klinični center Ljubljana -
Urgenca, Zaloška cesta 2
T: 522 23 61,
522 33 85
W: www.4klj.si

**Emergency GP: Ljubljana
Community Health Centre**
Zdravstveni dom Ljubljana
Bohoričeva ulica 4 (Ljubljana
University Medical Centre's
emergency unit)
T: 522 84 08
W: www.zd-lj.si/zdlj

**Emergency dentist: Ljubljana
Community Health Centre**
Zdravstveni dom Ljubljana
Center
Metelkova ulica 9, **G3**
T: 472 37 18,
472 37 00

Internet access

WiFree Ljubljana

The WiFree Ljubljana wireless network allows visitors to Ljubljana city centre to use free wireless internet for up to 60 minutes a day. The holders of the Ljubljana Tourist Card can enjoy 24-hour free access to the WiFree Ljubljana network. Wireless access to the websites owned by the City Municipality of Ljubljana, including the Visit Ljubljana tourist website, through the WiFree Ljubljana network is free for everyone for an unlimited period of time. Most of Ljubljana is covered by a wireless network. For those without a Wi-Fi enabled device, there are plenty of internet terminals for public use.

Ljubljana Bus Station

Avtobusna postaja Ljubljana
Trg Osvobodilne fronte 4, **F2**
T: 234 46 00
W: www.ap-ljubljana.si

Drog-Art

Prečna ulica 6, **E3**
T: 059 047 271
W: www.drogart.org

Ljubljana Railway Station underpass (Knjižnica Kolodvor library)

Trg Osvobodilne fronte 10, **F2**
T: 291 23 96
W: www.mklj.si/index.php/
enote-center/enote-kolodvor

Info center ŠKUC Galerija ŠKUC

Stari trg 21, **E6**
T: 421 31 42
W: www.lmit.org

Slovenian Tourist Information Centre (STIC)

Krekov trg 10, **F5**
T: 306 45 75
W: www.visitljubljana.com

STA Travel Cafe

Ajdovščina 1, **D4**

T: 439 16 90

Internet-accessible workstations are also available in public libraries.

Launderettes

Operi in posuši

Beblerjev trg 2

W: www.operiinposusi.si

T: 040 569 538

Laundry Point

Trg OF 6 (Railway station) **F2**

T: 040 435 803

Hostel Celica

Metelkova ulica 8, **G3**

T: 230 97 00

W: www.souhostel.com

Emonec Hotel

Wolfova 12

T: 200 15 20

W: www.hotel-emonec.com

Lost property

Ljubljana City Centre Police Station

Policijska postaja Ljubljana Center

Trdinova ulica 10, **E3**

T: 475 06 00

W: www.policija.si

Ljubljana Railway Station

Železniška postaja Ljubljana

Trg Osvobodilne fronte 6, **F2**

T: 291 33 91

W: www.slo-zeleznice.si

Pharmacies

Central Pharmacy/Centralna lekarna

Prešernov trg 5, **E4**,

T: 230 61 00

W: www.lekarnaljubljana.si

Open Mon-Sat except public holidays.

Pharmacy Miklošičeva,

Miklošičeva ulica 24, **E3**

T: 230 61 00

Open Mon- Sat, except public holidays

Duty pharmacy

Njegojševa 6K, **G3**

T: 230 61 00

Open 24/7.

Public holidays and special days

- 1 January: New Year
- 8 February: Prešeren Day – Slovenian Cultural Holiday
- Easter Sunday
- Easter Monday
- 27 April: Day of Uprising against Occupation
- 1 and 2 May: Labour Day
- Pentecost
- 25 June: Statehood Day
- 15 August: Assumption Day
- 17 August: Union of the Slovenians in Prekmurje with the Fatherland Day (not a work-free day)
- 15 September: Restoration of Primorska to the Fatherland Day (not a work-free day)
- 31 October: Reformation Day
- 1 November: All Saints' Day
- 23 November: Rudolf Maister Day (not a work-free day)
- 25 December: Christmas
- 26 December: Independence and Unity Day

Public toilet locations

Triple Bridge/Tromostovje E5

Open 7:00-24:00.

Dragon Bridge/Zmajski most F4

Open 7:00-15:00 Mon-Sat.

Public holidays closed.

Kresija building

Stritarjeva ulica 6, **E5**

A toilet for mobility-impaired people, open 24/7. To enter, use the European disabled toilet key or ring the bell.

Plečnik Underpass/Plečnikov Podhod D5

Open 7:00-20:00 Mon-Sat.

Public holidays closed.

Butchers' Bridge/Mesarski most E4

Open 7:00-23:00.

Tax-free shopping through Global Refund

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For more information, visit the website at www.global-blue.com.

Ticket sale

Ljubljana Tourist Information Centre (TIC)

Adamič-Lundrovo nabrežje
2, E5
T: 306 12 15
W: www.visitljubljana.com

Slovenian Tourist Information Centre (STIC)

Krekov trg 10, F5
T: 306 45 75
W: www.visitljubljana.com

Cankarjev dom cultural and congress centre's Box Office

Prešernova cesta 10, C5
T: 241 72 99
W: www.cd-cc.si

Festival Ljubljana (Križanke Summer Theatre's Box Office)

Trg francoske revolucije 1, D6
T: 241 60 26
W: www.ljubljanafestival.si

Eventim (online ticket sale)

www.eventim.si

Moje karte (online ticket sale)

www.mojekarte.si

Pocket Course of Slovenian Language

The University of Ljubljana's Centre for Slovene as a Second/ Foreign Language runs a "survival" language course offering an opportunity to get to know the basics of the Slovenian language and learn useful expressions which can make the life of a foreigner in Slovenia a lot easier. The course is run on Wednesdays from June to September at the Slovenian Tourist Information Centre.

Language

Dual

Slovenian is said to be a romantic language as it allows two people in love to use the dual in referring to themselves alone. There are not many languages in which the dual is still used in addition to the singular and plural.

Caron

The caron placed over the letters c, s and z may look like an embellishment, but it is not there for aesthetic reasons. Č, š and ž are letters in their own right associated with sounds which are actually much easier to pronounce than it may appear: č as in cherry, š as in shoe, and ž as in measure.

Basic expressions

Yes. – Da.

No. – Ne.

Please. – Prosim.

Thank you. – Hvala.

Excuse me. – Oprostite.

Good morning. – Dobro jutro. (on arriving early in the morning)

Good afternoon. – Dober dan. (on arriving late in the morning or in the afternoon)

Good evening. – Dober večer.

Goodbye. – Nasvidenje.

Good night. – Lahko noč. (on departing late at night)

One – ena

Two – dve

Three – tri

Four – štiri

Five – pet

Six – šest

Seven – sedem

Eight – osem

Nine – devet

Ten – deset

I am ... – Jaz sem ...

Do you speak English? – Ali govorite angleško?

I don't understand. – Ne razumem.

Where is / are...? – Kje je / so...?

How do I get to...? – Kako pridem do...?

Train station – železniška postaja

Bus station – avtobusna postaja

Left – levo

Right – desno

Straight on – naravnost

How much is it? – Koliko stane?

Water – voda

Wine – vino

Beer – pivo

The bill, please. – Račun, prosim.

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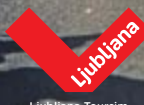


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