



EXPLORE THE GREEN PLAYGROUND OF EUROPE.

The Alps, the Mediterranean, the Karst and the Pannonian Plain are exceptional locations for exercising outdoors in nature. All these regions can be experienced in Slovenia, the world's first green destination, and the only country in Europe that combines such diversity. You can walk or cycle Slovenia from one end to another or stop and exercise in your own way in this exquisite green corner of the world.

The land is perfect for hiking amidst the incredibly diverse landscapes. It surprises with vistas across hills and valleys, ascents to Alpine peaks rising more than two thousand metres high and descents into Karst caves that lie more than 1,500 metres below sea level. Its image is green. You are visiting one of the most forested countries in Europe.

Water demonstrates its wealth of features here. The sea, lakes, rivers and streams make your wish for different forms of recreation. Adrenaline experiences and relaxation come true. Droplets sprayed from waterfalls refresh passers-by and drinking waters quench the thirst of the weary traveller. Mineral and thermal waters replenish strength for moving and exercising.

The air changes the appearance of this green country. In every season, it brings a different character to the views from the heights. Air masses and currents thrill those who sail among the clouds, birds or treetops.

Passion for movement takes us outdoor 365 days of the year. On 23 September, a state holiday dedicated to sports and recreation is celebrated in Slovenia. In green, active and healthy Slovenia, this Day of Slovenian Sport is also dedicated to the incredible achievements of Slovenian athletes who have been inspiring us for decades. We follow their lead with our own sports and recreational victories and challenges. Choose your activities for health and wellbeing.

ACTIVE. SPORTY. **VICTORIOUS!**

WE FOLLOW THE BEST

Let's cycle around the country of the best cyclists in the world! Let Primož Roglič, the winner of an Olympic gold medal, and Tadej Pogačar, the two-time winner of the Tour de France and an Olympic medallist, be our role models.

Let's discover the waters that Olympic gold medal winning canoeist Benjamin Savšek knows to the last drop, and Alenka Artnik, the world record holder in freediving. Let's ski and snowboard in mountain resorts where Žan Košir, a snowboarder with three crystal globes and four Olympic medals, trained. Let's run on skis in the venues where Jakov Fak, a silver Olympic medal winning biathlete, competed.

Let's conquer mountain peaks and steep walls that Olympic sport climbing champion Janja Garnbret also knows about. Let's find peace in ourselves, like judoka Tina Trstenjak, the winner of two Olympic medals, finds it again and again. Let's take care of our physical and mental fitness in Slovenia, the land of famous handball, volleyball and basketball players, such as the NBA star Luka Dončić.

LET'S DISCOVER THE LAND OF THE BEST

We follow the top athletes of Slovenia by choosing recreation that helps us maintain a healthy lifestyle. Let's take part in sport and recreational trials that satisfy our desires for our own achievements.

Find your recreational challenge at:

www.slovenia.info/events

LET'S CHEER TOGETHER

We know how to support our sport heroes at matches around the world, and everyone can witness the passion of Slovenian fans at major international competitions hosted in Slovenia. See you at the great sport venues!

Find the events where you can show your true fandom at:

www.sloveniainfo/cheer





JUMP HIGH

When I was a child, Ljubljana, the city of my childhood, had enough playgrounds and basketball hoops. Of course, I spent most of my time on the playground near my home. Once the passion strikes you, you see the hoops everywhere! But certainly in Slovenia, which is a heavily forested country, it is absolutely delightful to run along a forest path and to switch off surrounded by nature.

LUKA DONČIĆ, basketball player, **NBA** star



COURAGE



PRIMOŽ ROGLIČ, cyclist, Olympic champion and three-time La Vuelta winner

destinations.

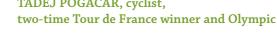




TRY SOMETHING NEW

As a schoolkid, I loved football. When I got a bit older, our local cyclists took me with them for dry winter training and that's where it all began. The cycling races mainly take place in the summer, but I am also excited for winter, when I have the chance to try something new to stay in shape. Especially if it's outdoors, in nature.

TADEJ POGAČAR, cyclist, two-time Tour de France winner and Olympic medallist













EXERCISE TO BOOST YOUR ENERGY

Sometimes outdoor exercise gives me the energy to complete what I've started and other times it calms me down, so I'm not rushing around when I don't have to. I am lucky that my sport takes place outdoors. Perhaps the most important thing is to realise how important it is to spend time in nature, to spend time exercising. And admiring nature. Nature, especially Slovenia's clean, pristine environment always gives us what we need to rejuvenate or calm down.

ILKA ŠTUHEC, Alpine skier, two-time world champion in downhill

LISTEN TO NATURE

As a kid, the bow and arrow were my absolute favourite. I set my target on the meadow and enjoyed the almost silent flight of the arrow to the centre of the target. No matter how loud the birds chirped, I was listening for the arrow. Now I mainly train indoors and with earmuffs, but this makes me more conscious of the sounds of nature.

FRANČEK GORAZD TIRŠEK, para archer, four-time Paralympic medallist



FIND PEACE WITHIN

Strength, knowledge and skill are one part of my story. The other, and probably more important part is finding peace within yourself to succeed on the tatami. When it gets overwhelming, you have to retreat a little. That's the time to go outdoors and find peace in nature. It helps you find the peace within.

TINA TRSTENJAK, judoka, Olympic and world champion

PRIDE











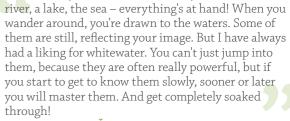
three-time Olympic medallist

PERSEVERANCE

LET WELL-BEING BE YOUR MOTIVATION

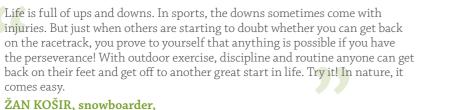
In addition to good fitness, results and victories, an important motivation for everyone, not just for athletes, has to be well being! Well being is easiest to achieve when we dedicate our time to something we love. Personally, I think I'm lucky: I do what makes me happy. I am sure that every amateur sportsperson can find such happiness for themselves.

JAKOV FAK, biathlete, world champion and Olympic medallist



BENJAMIN SAVŠEK, canoeist, Olympic and world champion





HEROES



365 DAYS OF EXCITEMENT

WHEN TO VISIT SLOVENIA?

When picking outdoor activities, a country with four distinct seasons is always the right choice. Your favourite form of exercise might sometimes be linked with high mountains, at other times with the seaside, or perhaps with river valleys, or vine-growing hills. You can find excellent centres for outdoor exercise throughout Slovenia. Because everything is so close, you can experience the country's diversity with your first visit and the many faces of nature during your subsequent visits to this green land. Time and Kranjska Gora

again.

WINTER

While skiers, boarders and other winter recreational enthusiasts enjoy activities on the snow at one end of Slovenia, it's possible to hike of cycle on sunny days at the other end of the country, or catch the

SPRING

bora wind on the Adriatic coast.

When the hills turn green, easily accessible mountain huts become busy with hikers and so do the take-off terrains for sky-flying acrobats. An increasing number of climbers are also taking on rock faces near the sea.

SUMMER

Once the sun warms up even the highest Slovenian peaks, there's no limit to spending time outdoors. In addition to their refreshing environment, the sea, lakes and rivers provide an array of sporting Portorot/Portorose challenges, while green forests shelter many tranquil paths.

> **AUTUMN** When the weather of

summer, spring and winter intertwines, those who enjoy sports in any weather and in any season can find their satisfaction. Only one season can be found underground, while the land and the air offer different kinds of excitement.



KOPER/CAPODISTRIA Ankelan/Ancarano

CLIMATE AND TEMPERATURE

Mediterranean in the coastal region 4.6 °C / 39.2 F 2.8 °C / 73.4 F Portorož • 2 m Continental inland 0.4 °C / 32 F 21.6 °C / 69.8 F Novo mesto • 220 m **Alpine** in the mountains -7.7 °C / 19.4 F 7.4 °C / 44.6 F Kredarica • 2514 m **Alpine** in the valleys -3.7 °C / 26.6 F 17.7°C / 62.6 F Rateče • 846 m

SKOFJA LOKA

AJSKO HRIBOVJE

POSTOINA

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NOVO MESTO

UNIQUE

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Kočevje

SO DIFFERENT.

SO ACCESSIBLE

Everything is close in the only European country combining the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Karst, and the Pannonian Plain. It is only about a two-hour drive from the capital and Central Slovenia to even the most remote corners of Slovenia. This means that you can experience four different worlds in a single day. But even a brief encounter with each of them fuels the desire to spend more time discovering its special features and to return to Slovenia.

ALPINE SLOVENIA

Find your favourite starting point for all kinds of outdoor sports among the highest peaks and the wildest white waters. Ski, hike, cycle, climb and seek your challenges. Visit the venues of great sporting events, too.

MURSKA SOBOTA





MEDITERRANEAN & KARST SLOVENIA

Many wonders of the world can be seen when travelling from the salt pans of the Adriatic Sea to the Karst caves in this country where the mild Mediterranean climate reaches far inland. Explore the opportunities for water sports, climbing, speleology, horse riding and other experiences.



Go on a hike or cycle to the UNESCO heritage sites where towns and the green countryside meet. Run a marathon, discover primeval forests, marshes and mountain pastures. A SUP tour? Fishing in the city? Why not?





THERMAL PANNONIAN SLOVENIA

Easy hiking and flatter cycling trails lead among the healing thermal and mineral waters, vine-growing hills and castles to numerous sights of interest. Choose your centre for exercising and discover numerous other forms of recreation.

WHAT CAN ONLY BE EXPERIENCED IN SLOVENIA

The most local, genuine, experiential, boutique and also sustainability-oriented Slovenian tourist experiences are designated by the Slovenia Unique Experience label. These five-star experiences are evaluated and recommended by the Slovenian Tourist Board. Many of them feature outdoor activities. Make your choice and discover what cannot be experienced anywhere else.



More information at www.slovenia.info/unique





CHOOSE GREEN

Choose from among more than 100 destinations, accommodation providers, natural parks, tourist agencies and tourist attractions that boast the Slovenia Green label and abide by the internationally established sustainable green strategy.

RESPECT NATURE

When in the habitats of rare animal and plant species, respect the rules of individual areas of protected nature. Let's move along marked paths. Let's not disturb animals with our motor vehicles! Take your litter away with you and dispose of it responsibly.





LET'S TRAVEL IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY

Choose an environmentally friendly means of transport to reach your selected centres for outdoor activities. Check out public transport connections.

PROTECT WATER - NO PLASTIC!

Set off for a journey outdoors properly prepared and equipped. Take water in a reusable bottle with you. Whenever possible, do not use plastic! Slovenian tourism follows the principle of Less plastic for more sustainability!



TASTE LOCAL



When wandering around Slovenia, it's easy to find delicious and healthy food to replenish your energy. Slovenia is the European Region of Gastronomy 2021. You can experience the superb cuisine created by distinguished chefs in many places, but everywhere you wander you'll find typical local dishes. Enjoy tasty meals at Slovenian inns, tourist farms or mountain huts.

TRAVEL SAFELY

Slovenia was one of the first countries in the world to obtain the Safe Travels label of the World Travel and Tourism Council. Tourist providers respect the responsible GREEN & SAFE travel standards. Please respect them, too. Comply with the recommendations and travel safely and healthily.



More information at

www.slovenia.info/standards

LAND.

WHEN EXPLORING

SLOVENIA,

WE ALL EXPERIENCE

IT DIFFERENTLY.

If we want a genuine connection with the land, we seek its diversity on our own. Hike, climb mountains, rockfaces and vantage peaks.

Venture into valleys, on hills and plains. Cycle along the trails criss-crossing this incredibly green country. Or jump on a horse. Explore its hidden depths and conquer its vantage heights.

Discover it in all seasons. It will surprise you time and again with its diversity. It will encourage you time and again to try out another type of activity. They are all possible in Slovenia.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIKERS

WALK TO THE RHYTHM OF NATURE

Hikers can discover Slovenia all year round. In winter, when trails are frequently hidden under a layer of snow, and when pushing through the fog in autumn, we venture on hikes along the plains and to more accessible spots in low mountains. When the snow melts and nature begins to bud in spring, low mountains with forests, pastures and vantage points become very attractive. At that time, the snow cover is still very deep in the mountains. The majority of mountain huts situated at higher elevations don't open their doors before June. Summer is the perfect time for conquering the highest peaks. When going into the mountains, observe the weather conditions. Days are hot, but nights are cold and afternoon storms are frequent. So, start your hike early in the morning and carry suitable equipment. You'll be safest if accompanied by experienced guides.



HIKING SAFELY

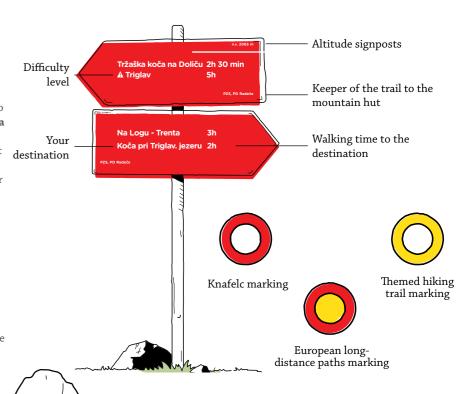
- · Choose trails and goals that suit your physical and mental fitness.
- · Check the weather conditions before going into the high mountains and pay close attention to them when planning your route.
- Plan your route with the help of printed guidebooks and maps. Use programmes uploaded to your smartphone (mobile applications) only as support.
- · Always make sure that someone knows which route you've taken. Enter your name in the registers at mountain huts. Check whether mountain huts are open and book your
- Take suitable equipment with you on a tour and make sure that you know how to use it.
- Observe the recommendations of the Alpine Association of Slovenia. Wear suitable mountaineering boots.
- · Protect against sun, wind and cold. Bring a first-aid kit, aluminium foil or a black bag or a bivvy bag, a headlamp and spare batteries, high-energy food and sufficient quantities of
- Make sure your mobile phone is fully charged. In the event of an accident, call 112.
- Stay on marked and maintained trails. Be considerate of other hikers. In Slovenia, hikers say hello to each other in the mountains and give way to those descending on narrow

USE MAPS AND APPLICATIONS

Explore more challenging routes with guides. But, when on your own, use mountain maps with scales of 1:50,000 and 1:25,000, guidebooks for individual mountain ranges in various languages, GPS tracking for mountain and themed trails, specialised websites with digitised topographic maps and mobile applications such as LocusMap with maps of the Alpine Association of Slovenia, the **Slovenia Trails** application with Monolit maps or the Outdooractive app. Aids for hikers are available in bookshops, tourist information centres (TICs) and specialist accommodation facilities.

FROM MARKING TO MARKING

When following your chosen trail, keep to the marked trails. Don't venture off the paths. On mountain trails, pay attention to the so-called Knafelc marking (Knafelčeva markacija), a white dot inside a red ring that is designed to orientate you and direct you towards your destination. They are emblazoned on large trees, rocks and other suitable spots, usually on the right-hand side of the direction in which you are walking. Certain trails are additionally marked with signposts indicating the level of difficulty and the anticipated walking time. European long-distance paths are marked with a yellow dot inside a red ring and themed trails with white dots inside yellow rings. Some themed trails in Slovenia are marked with their logos. Before starting your hike, learn about these terrain markings.



SELECT HIKING ACCOMMODATION

There are more than 50 hotels, guesthouses and apartments providing hiker-friendly accommodation. You'll recognise them by their logo depicting from one to five hikers, indicating the level at which they meet the hiking standards. The accommodation facilities of the highest category, which have five hikers in their logo, also employ a licensed guide and their own transport vehicle in addition to providing information, brochures, maps, options for uploading GPS tracking, premises for drying hiking equipment, a selection of hiking food packages, various hiking programmes, etc.

> When planning a hike, check the opening hours of accommodation facilities and book your stay: www.slovenia-outdoor.com

STOP AT MOUNTAIN HUTS

There are 178 mountain huts, shelters and bivouacs in Slovenia. Stop there to rest, get some lunch or spend for mountain rescue services. Before venturing into the mountains, check the opening hours of mountain huts. Those found in the valleys and low mountains receive supplies all year round, while those in the high mountains are usually open between June and September. If you're planning to spend the night, book before starting your hike.



WHERE TO FIND TRUE HIKING **CHALLENGES**

FROM ALPINE CENTRES TO THE MOUNTAINS



FIND PEACE AT THE FRONT

Above the Soča Valley – with its wild waters and unusual basins, mountains covered with grasslands, and amazing stories - challenges await along the Alpe-Adria long-distance trail and at the Walk of Peace along the remnants of World War I. Experience peace in a different way and enjoy the views reaching as far as the sea.



CONQUER THE HIGHEST SUMMITS

When you've had enough views of the Julian Alps from Bled, Bohini, Kraniska Gora and other beautiful places, you might be tempted by Mt Triglav, the highest summit in Slovenia. Choose the appropriate trail for your fitness level. While you're conquering the highest parts of Slovenia, discover its deep alleys, high mountains, forests and lakes in Triglav National Park, which is the largest protected area



DISCOVER THE CARAVAN OF MOUNTAINS

Along the northern Slovenian border are the Karavanks, featuring views of green forests and white rocks. Travel in time and discover the geological particularities of the Dovžan Gorge and Karavanks Global Geopark, which is under Unesco protection, where you can also visit the underground world of Mt Peca.

THE KAMNIK-SAVINJA ALPS / Grintavec 2558 m

THE KARAVANKE ALPS Stol 2236 m

MEET THE LOCALS

Watch the summits from the valleys. Walk on the Juliana Trail, circular trail connecting the most beautiful points below Mt Triglav, Slovenia's highest mountain. The trail across the Unesco biosphere area in the Julian Alps connects scenic views of the diverse heritage. There you can also meet locals.



Climb the 1220 metres high Mt Kum, the highest summit of the Posavje

Hills, which offers views of all the hills between the Sava, Savinja and Sotla

THE POHORJE HILLS

Rivers. The circular Rečiška alpine trail is perfect for walking above the city

of spas, Laško. In 2019, it was pronounced the most beautiful alpine trail in

RISE ABOVE THE RIVERS

DISCOVER THE KAMNIK-SAVINJA ALPS

You can admire the basin of the Slovenian capital from the top of Krvavec. Learn about the life of shepherds at Velika planina. Visit the farms at the highest altitudes along the Solčava panoramic road over the famous Logar Valley — a glacial valley with waterfalls and a fairy-tale forest.

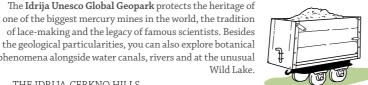
DISCOVER SLOVENIA'S

DIVERSITY

IN THE HILLS

TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE GREEN **KARST**

You can go hiking in the land of Karst phenomena all the way to the Notranjska Regional Park, which boasts the famous intermittent Cerknica Lake. Explore the hills above the lake, Javorniki and Bloke, and the two Karst plateaus, Nanos and the Trnovo Forest. And don't forget about the Unesco forest reserve in Snežnik.





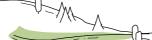
DISCOVER THE LAND OF LACE AND MERCURY

The Idrija Unesco Global Geopark protects the heritage of

of lace-making and the legacy of famous scientists. Besides

the geological particularities, you can also explore botanical

phenomena alongside water canals, rivers and at the unusual



MT SNEŽNIK

THE ŠKOFJA LOKA HILLS

VISIT THE WORLD-FAMOUS WINE CELLARS

In the Goriška Brda Hills and in the Vipava Valley,

you must visit the famous wine cellars, where you

will be spoiled with world-renowned wines. Walk

under the majestic ancient fruit trees on paths

THE KOČEVSKO REGION

named after ancient cherry species.



WALK ALONG THE ANCIENT BORDER

In the hills next to Škofja Loka there are many thematic trails and some even lead to the neverused defensive fortresses of the Rupnik line and along the Rapallo border. The highest summits in the area can be conquered by walking on the Loka alpine trail.



WANDER AROUND THE POHORJE

THE KOZJAK HILLS

The Pohorje Hills offer many hiking options between Maribor, Slovenj Gradec and Zreče. There, you can embark on Slovenian alpine trail. On easier hikes, you can explore high peat lands with lakes, for example the Lovrenc Lakes at Rogla. In the vicinity, there is also the picturesque Treetop Walk.



SPEND TIME IN MAJESTIC FORESTS

Slovenia.

THE POSAVJE HILLS

If you're looking for a hiking challenge in vast forests and primary forests, you should visit **Kočevsko**. The neighbouring Dolenjska region also offers many hiking trails and excellent terrain for Nordic pole walking. In Bela krajina, visit the beautiful Kolpa River and hike to the summits of the Gorjanci Hills above the Krka River.

THE HALOZE HILLS THE SLOVENSKE GORICE HILLS

PREKMURJE WITH THE





AROUND THE CAPITAL

There are not many cities you can walk around as easily as Ljubljana – along the 35-kilometre-long Walk along the Wire path (i.e. the Path of Remembrance and Comradeship). The capital of Slovenia is right at the edge of the Ljubljana Marshes, which are part of the Unesco pile dwellings heritage site and offer many hiking options.



A LAND OF WINEMAKERS AND FRUIT-GROWERS

Go hiking in the Goričko Hills, Haloze and the Slovensko Gorice Hills, where you can explore the wine-growing slopes as well as the natural and cultural heritage of Pannonian Slovenia, which is famous for its thermal springs and wellness centres. You will absolutely fall in love with the trails amidst the orchards with high trees in the Koziansko Regional Park.



LITTLE HILLS AND

ACROSS LOWLANDS

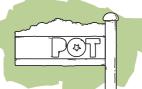


THE GORIŠKA BRDA HILLS

KARST THE VIPAVA VALLEY

HIKING CLOSE TO THE SEA

You can visit many thematic trails in the Karst, Slovenian Istria and right by the Adriatic coast. Explore salt pans, Refošk wine, truffles and other specialities. In the Škocjan Caves Regional Park, which is a Unesco World Heritage Site together with the underground canyon, you can also discover the unusual surface of the







red ring) and supplemented by number 1. The trail can be hiked in stages with the help of the Logbook of the Slovenian Mountain Trail, in which you can collect as many as 80 stamps at checkpoints.odtisnemo žige kar 80 kontrolnih točk!

617 kilometres of trails of all difficulty levels

between 28 and 37 days of unforgettable views

55 mountain huts, at least 35 peaks and 5 towns

Special sight of interest: Mt Triglay, Slovenia's

As a symbol of Slovenian-ness, Slovenians believe that every

citizen should climb Mt Triglav at least once in their lives. More

than 20 marked Alpine and mountain trails lead to the highest Slovenian peak, joining to form a challenging and protected ascent to the top, where the Aljaž Tower stands. Allow at least

two days to climb Mt Triglav. Make sure you're physically fit and properly equipped. It's best to be guided by an IFMGA-licensed

mountain guide. You can also attended guided summer hikes.

highest mountain



VIA ALPINA – PURPLE TRAIL

On to the highest Slovenian mountains

The Via Alpina Purple Trail starts under Mt Triglav, Slovenia's highest mountain. It descends into the Vrata Valley with the Peričnik Waterfall past the majestic Triglav North Face and its 100 climbing routes. Near Kranjska Gora, a popular ski sports and recreational centre, the trail ascends to Golica, known for its meadows full of daffodils, and then to the Karavanke Ridge and its highest peak, Mt Stol (2236 m). Through the beautiful Zgornje Jezersko Valley, the Alpine dairy farming area, the trail continues into Austria.



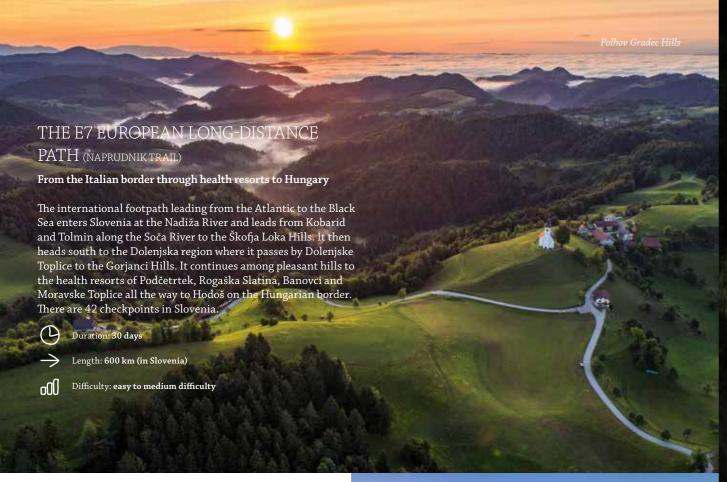
Duration: 19-25 days



Length: 430 km (in Slovenia)



Difficulty: easy to medium difficulty



THE E6 EUROPEAN LONG-DISTANCE PATH (CIGLAR TRAIL)

From the Drava River to Strunjan on the coast

The E6 European footpath crossing the continent from the Baltic to the Mediterranean Sea leads from the Drava River in the north of Slovenia to the Adriatic Coast in the southwest. The special attractions of the Pohorje and Posavje hills, including Ljubljana's surrounding area, can be discovered on the individual stages, as can those of the Dinaric Alps with the Snežnik forests and famous Karst Rim. Stamps can be obtained at 40 checkpoints along the way and a commemorative badge is awarded for a completed trail at the end.



Duration: 20 days



→ Length: 260 km (in Slovenia)



Difficulty: easy to medium difficulty



ALPE ADRIA TRAIL

Kranjska Gora

Kobard

Šmartno

From the Karavanke Alps through the Soča River Valley to the Adriatic Sea

The trail that connects the scenic sights of Slovenia, Austria and Italy is designed in such a way that you can walk between 17 and 25 kilometres every day with a relatively minor difference in altitude. Selected cuisine can be found at every stage. The trail starts in Austria under Mt Grossglockner. It enters Slovenia in the Karavanke Alps and then leads over the Vršič Pass to Triglav National Park and the Soča River Valley. After the section in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia region of Italy, the trail returns to the Slovenian Goriška Brda Hills and Karst and continues to the end point at Muggia, near Trieste in Italy.

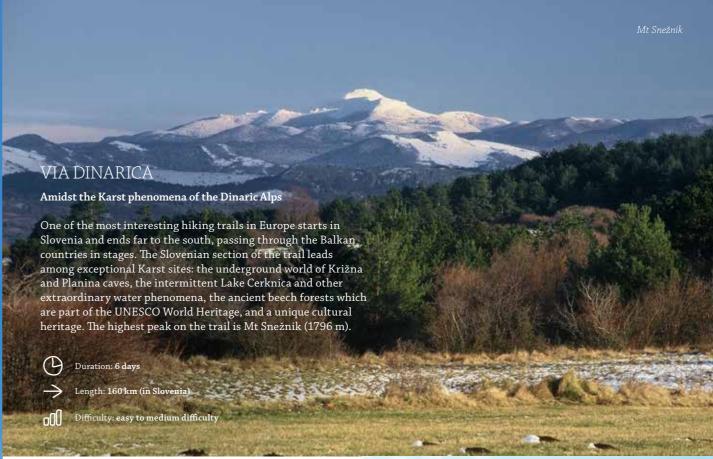
Full length 750 km; Slovenian section: 145 km 43 days for the entire trail; 8 days for the Slovenian section

43 stages; 5 full stages in Slovenia and 5 stages connecting Slovenia and Italy

This trail, which opened in 2011, has been listed several times among the best hiking trails by the National Geographic Traveller.







ZASAVJE LONG-DISTANCE TRAIL

From the Kozjansko Regional Park to the hills above the Sava River

The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of the Kozjansko Regional Park, known for high-trunk meadow orchards, the scenic Posavje Hills above the Sava River and the Geometric Centre of Slovenia (GEOSS) are all on the route of the Zasavje Long-Distance Trail, which is also suitable for hiking in winter. There are several mountain huts and inns on the trail, too. Among the attractive destinations is the trail's highest peak, 1,220-metre-high Kum, which commands views reaching to the Julian Alps and Mt Triglav.



Duration: 7 days



Length: 200 km (in Slovenia)



Difficulty: easy







On light feet among thermal springs

In eastern Slovenia, where the largest number of natural health resorts can be found, the hiking trails are suitable for everyone. Choose your stage among the fields, orchards, vineyards and forests of the Goričko Landscape Park. Discover biodiversity and numerous animal species. Enjoy the Prekmurje hospitality and cuisine. Learn about the Mura River and the wine-producing regions and hills of Radgonsko-Kapelske gorice, Jeruzalemske and Lendavske gorice.



Duration: 20 stages

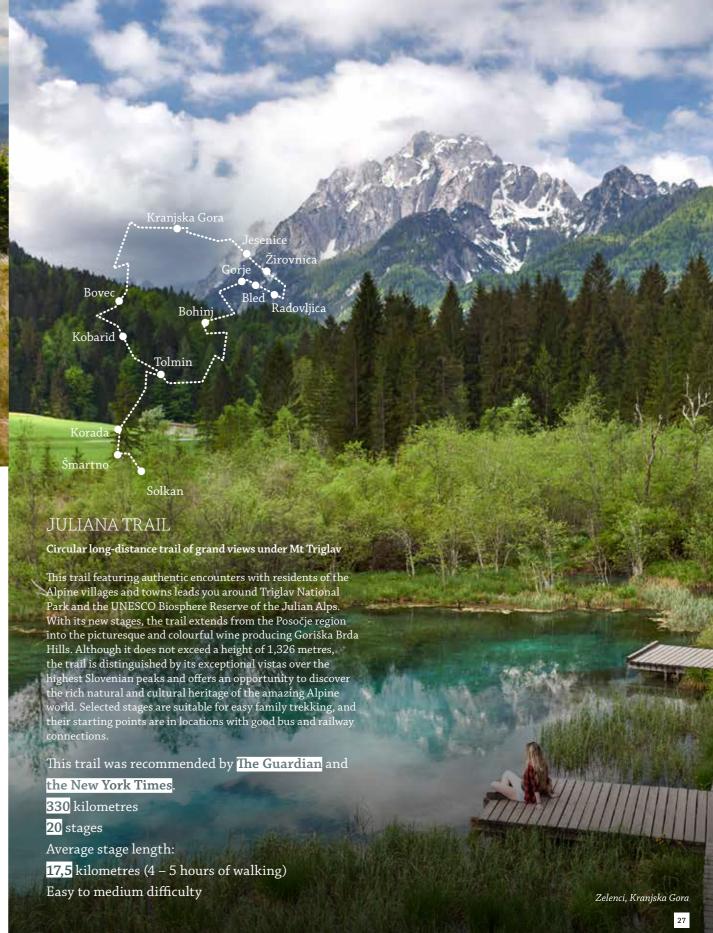


Length: 330 km



Difficulty: easy







AMONG THE ATTRACTIONS OF ALPINE SLOVENIA

SOČA TRAIL

This natural history educational path with hanging footbridges and 17 information points links the emerald Soča River with the mysterious corners of the Trenta Valley and the sights of Triglav National Park.

⊗ Trenta → 25 km **○** 7 hours in one direction It's possible to walk only the chosen section.

TOLMIN GORGE

Visit the only Slovenian confluence of gorge-channelled rivers. At the confluence of the Tolminka and Zadlaščica rivers, you can admire the stony Bear's Head, the Devil's Bridge 60 metres above the water and Zadlaška (Dante's) Cave.

⊗ Tolmin → 2 km ⊕1 hour 30 minutes ♦ 🖨

TRIGLAVSKA BISTRICA TRAIL

This trail leads from the Slovenian Alpine Museum, past the Peričnik Waterfall, through the Alpine Vrata Valley with the Aljažev dom mountain hut right under the Triglav North Face, one of the most majestic in the Alps, measuring more than 3,000 metres in width.

 \bigotimes Mojstrana \rightarrow 10 km in one direction \bigcirc 2-3 hours

BLED VINTGAR GORGE

After admiring the most beautiful vistas of Lake Bled, venture to Vintgar Gorge. An educational trail running along vertical cliffs and by the Radovna River is set on wooden bridges and

⊗ Podhom → 4 or 5 km ⊕ 2-3 hours ⇔ 🖨



MOSTNICA GORGE, BOHINJ

In addition to the trail along Lake Bohini, amidst the mountains of Triglav National Park, and past the Savica Waterfall, you can also discover the trail along the Mostnica River Gorge. Admire its pools along the gorge from four bridges, and continue your hike along the Voje Valley.

Stara Fužina → 3 km ()1 hour 30 minutes ()

LAMBERG TRAIL, BEGUNJE

An easy hiking tour to the quaint ruins of Kamen Castle will take you past Old Iron Age archaeological sites (Njivice and the Zijalka Cave) and the karst cave called the Devil's Manor House.

 \otimes Begunje \rightarrow 7, 7 km \bigcirc 2-3 hours \bigcirc

ŽIROVNICA CULTURAL HERITAGE PATH

This multi-awarded themed path connects the birthplaces of prominent Slovenian poets, writers and linguists, including the memorial apiary of Anton Janša, the pioneer of Slovenian beekeeping.

 \otimes Vrba \rightarrow 10 km \bigcirc 2-3 hours (without visiting the museums)

TO THE JAMNIK HILL, KRANJ

A mountain backdrop and the rising full moon above the church atop the 831-metre-high Jamnik makes for a well-known motif for photographers from around the world and a popular hiking

 \bigcirc Nemilje \rightarrow 6 km \bigcirc 2 hours in both directions

DOVŽAN GORGE, TRŽIČ

There are six sections among several paths at the Palaeozoic fossil site that lead through the narrowest part of the gorge to the steep rock pyramids and the Dolina exhibition and educational centre.

PATH TO FRANJA HOSPITAL

In the Cerkno Hills, a path along two streams with several waterfalls will take you to the 16 buildings of the exceptional Franja Partisan Hospital in the Pasica Gorge. This authentic monument to humanity has been proposed for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

⊗ Cerkno → 10 km ()3 hours 30 minutes () Franja Hospital

LOGAR VALLEY TRAIL

The best thematic trail in 2021 takes you through the special features of the famous glacial valley to the picturesque Rinka Waterfall. Also visit the highest located Slovenian farmsteads on the Solčava Panoramic Road, the route with the most beautiful views.

BLACK LAKE IN THE POHORJE HILLS

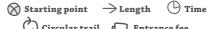
Among the numerous options to be experienced in the Pohorje Hills, don't miss the path that leads to the footbridges above the clean, but dark waters of Black Lake and its forest reserve. Continue to Osankarica, the site of an important battle during the Second World War.

 \otimes Trije Kralji \rightarrow 3,5 km in one direction 1 hour 30 minutes

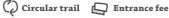
MARIBOR'S VINE-GROWING HILLS

In the town that boasts the oldest vine in the world, where vine-growing hills extend practically to the town's centre, the Piramida-Kalvarija natural history educational trail will take you to places with beautiful views over Maribor, the Drava River and the Pohorje Hills.

Maribor City Park → 5 km ()2-3 hours ()



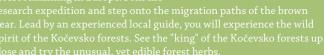






SEEKING STORIES OF CENTRAL SLOVENIA





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Kočevje (8.5 hours | Season: April-October | Guided

FROM LJUBLJANA TO THE ŠMARNA GORA HILL

In addition to numerous trails in the Tivoli, Rožnik and Šišenski hrib Landscape Park, it's also possible to ascend the Šmarna Gora Hill from the green capital. This hill, which commands views of the entire Ljubljana Basin and the Alps, is also considered to be the venue for the best mountain running races in the world.

Tacen, Vikrče, Šmartno and several other starting points \rightarrow 23 different paths \bigcirc 1 -2 hours in one direction

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF HERDSMEN. THE VELIKA PLANINA PLATEAU

Customs and traditions, architecture, natural and other sights of the famous shepherd mountain pastures are showcased on the trail by means of eleven information points. You can access the plateau by cable car or many mountain trails.

KNEIPP BAREFOOT TRAIL, SNOVIK

Go barefoot on one of the best themed trails in Terme Snovik. For a therapeutic effect, the trail will take you on grass, forest and other surfaces laid with natural material.

⊗ Terme Snovik → 3,2 km **⊕** 2 hours 30 minutes **⊘**

PATH UNDER THE TREETOPS, **CERKLJE NA GORENJSKEM**

A trail connecting mountain villages and the valley, providing beautiful vistas over the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. In addition to the cultural heritage of Adergas, the Velesovo Convent and the Štefanja gora Hill, you can also discover natural assets and the ethnological heritage of Cerklje na Gorenjskem.

 \bigotimes Adergas \rightarrow 4 routes, the longest one is 11 km (3 hours

SOUTHERNMOST SLOVENIAN HIKING TRAIL, KOLPA LANDSCAPE PARK

On a trail that runs right next to the Kolpa River, you will find a water spring considered to be the spring of eternal youth, an operating mill, the Kobiljača Karst Cave, and the picturesque village of Damelj, the southernmost point of Slovenia.

(3 hours

BOROVEC NATURE TRAIL, THE KOČEVSKO REGION

This circular trail leads through the most forested region of Slovenia where you can also catch a glimpse of the UNESCO-protected Krokar primeval forest. From the trail marked with a symbol of a daffodil, it's possible to descend to the Kolpa River Canyon.

 \otimes Borovec \rightarrow 7 km \bigcirc 2-4 hours \bigcirc

THREE CASTLE PATH, ŠKOFJA LOKA

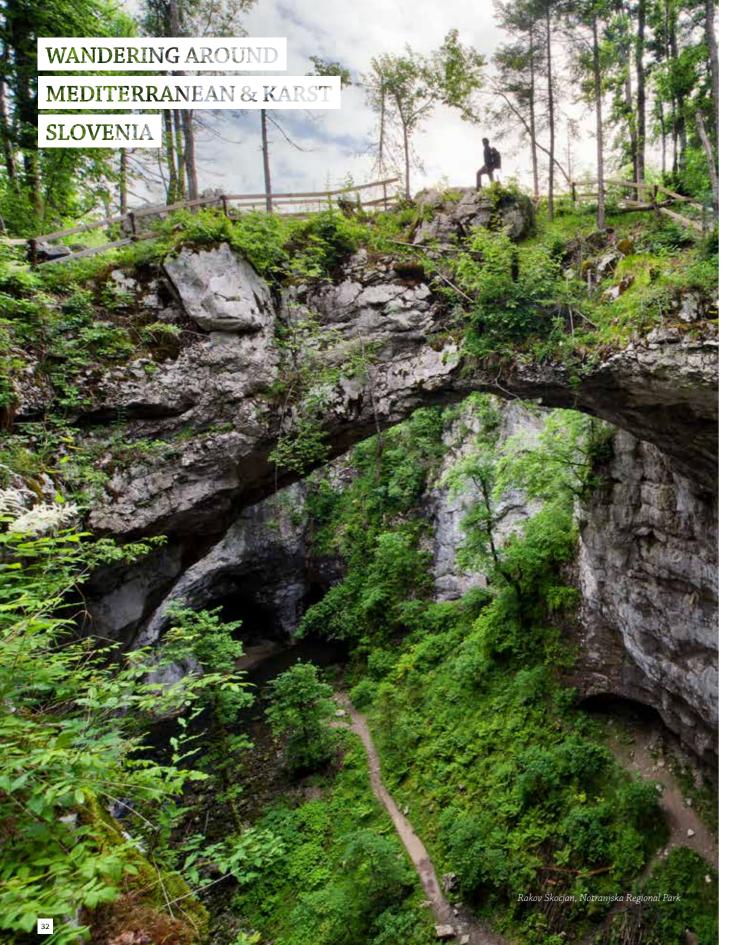
Follow the markings featuring an image of a medieval pageboy from Loka Castle, towering above the old town centre of Škofja Loka, to the ruins of the Tower on Krancelj. Cross the Kobila Pass through natural gullies and explore the ruins of Divja Loka Castle on the steep slopes of Lubnik.

⊗ Škofja Loka → 5 km ⊕1 hour 45 minutes ⇔

FELDBAHN, IDRIJA

Near the surprising Divje jezero (Wild Lake), set off on the route of the Feldbahn - a narrow-gauge railway from the First World War with an altitude difference of 300 metres and a 25-metrelong tunnel. A longer version of the route takes you to Godovič.

 Parking lot near the Divje jezero (Wild Lake) → 10 km (2.5 hours (2)



EDUCATIONAL TRAIL IN THE ŠKOCJAN CAVES PARK

When visiting the UNESCO-protected Škocjan Caves, which have the largest known underground canyon, take a walk along the educational trail where you can learn about the phenomena of the Classical Karst at 24 information points.

Skocjan Caves Park Information Centre

→ 2 km (1) hour (2)

RAKOV ŠKOCJAN VALLEY

When on a walk in the Karst valley of the Notranjska Regional Park, you will be astounded by the natural arches of the Big and Little Natural Bridges, flood meadows by the Rak Stream and the characteristic Karst flora and fauna.

Rakov Škocjan - car park at the Little Natural Bridge

→ 5,5 km (3-4 hours ()

DRVOŠEC EDUCATIONAL TRAIL, LAKE CERKNICA

After opening in 2020, this trail with exceptional views of the unique Lake Cerknica was declared the best thematic trail of the year. Lookouts, of which one is a 10-metre-high Otočec tower, make this hike in the area between the Rešeto sinkholes and the village of Otok even more interesting.

igotimes Dolenje jezero car park ightarrow 3,7 km in one direction

(1) 3.5-4 hours

CIRCULAR TRAIL OF MILITARY HISTORY, PIVKA

A visit to the Park of Military History, the largest museum complex in Slovenia, can be upgraded with a hike to the underground fortification on a hill offering scenic vistas over the Pivka Valley.

⊗ Park of Military History Pivka →1,3 km ⊕4 hours ♦

KARST LIVING MUSEUM, SEŽANA

Over 20 kilometres of themed and hiking trails are arranged between Sežana, Lipica and the Slovenian-Italian border where, in addition to the Karst phenomena, natural rock formations and Gustinčič Cave, you can also learn about the dry stone walling protected by UNESCO.

igotimes Sežana igotimes several paths igotimes 2-4 hours

TRAIL ALONG THE EDGE, THE VIPAVA VALLEY

The trail, part of the Slovenian Mountain Trail, will take you to attractions such as the Karst Otlica Natural Window and the spring of the Hubelj River. The views to be enjoyed on this trail along the edge of the iconic Vipava Valley reach across the Karst and all the way to the sea.

igotimes Predmeja igotimes 14,3 km in one direction igotimes 5 hours

DRUGMBERNCA CHERRY BLOSSOM TRAIL, THE BRDA HILLS

From the Renaissance Dobrovo Castle, walk to the panoramic tower in Gonjače and to the medieval village of Šmartno. You'll learn about the unique architecture, cuisine and world-renowned cellars of the Goriška Brda Hills.

⊗ Dobrovo Castle | Length: 9.5 km ⊕ 2.5-3 hours ♦

SHORT NATURAL SCIENCE HOLIDAYS FOR HIKERS

Lake Cerknica, the Bloke Plateau, the Karst Edge and the Dragonja River Valley are some of the most biodiverse regions of Mediterranean & Karst Slovenia. You can learn about them with the help of a natural science guide who will reveal secrets of the Karst phenomena, flora and fauna, and also the life of the brown bear. Along the way, you'll also enjoy the hospitality of tourist farms and taste the flavours of locally produced

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⊕4 days (3 nights)| Guided experience

TO THE BLOSSOMING MT SLAVNIK, SLOVENIAN ISTRIA AND THE KARST

Among the numerous trails found in the Slovenian Istria, you can choose one that takes you to the panoramic Slavnik and its Tuma mountain hut. Along the way you can admire an abundance of mountain flowers, as well as vistas of the Adriatic Sea, the Julian Alps with Mt Triglav and the Italian Dolomites.

Podgorje | Length: 8 km (2.5-3 hours

STRUNJAN IN THE IMAGES OF THE SEA

On the educational trail in Strunjan Landscape Park, you can learn about the northernmost salt pans of the Mediterranean, a special sea lagoon, the Strunjan cliff and other sights of the Slovenian coast.

Strunjan Landscape Park Centre

 \rightarrow 5,3 km \bigcirc 1 hour 30 minutes \bigcirc

PIRAN TRAIL

An easy trail connecting lively Portorož with medieval Piran which offers the most photogenic views among all the Piran circular trails. The trail that encircles the town leads right next to the sea for the most part.

⊗ Portorož → 9 km ⊕ 2 hours 30 minutes ♦

LINTVER'S CIRCLE, RODIK

On the Brkini ridge, in the Mythical Park you will meet carved sculptures with motifs representing the narrative tradition of this interesting part of the world. The app invites us to solve puzzles along the way.

 \bigotimes Rodik \rightarrow 6.5 km \bigcirc 2.5 hours \bigcirc

Interpretation exhibition at the Rodik Mythical Park Visitor Centre

WINERIES TRAIL, MORAVSKE TOPLICE

This trail leading along the junction of the Pannonian Plain and the Goričko Hills is characterised by vineyards and wineries. When walking from Tešanovci to Moravske Toplice, you can savour tasty food from providers of local delicacies.

⊗ Tešanovci → 12 km ⊕3-4 hours 决

JERUZALEM WINE TRAIL, JERUZALEM

You'll never forget this trail among the iconic vineyards of the Jeruzalemske Gorice Hills and the tasting of supreme white wines in vineyard cottages and local cuisine prepared at tourist farms and inns.

igotimes Jeruzalem igotimes 8 km igotimes 2 hours 30 minutes igotimes

VINOTOUR AMONG VINEYARDS

The international Nordic Walking trail among the vineyards connects Slovenian and Austrian wine-producing farms and sights of interest, such as the famous heart-shaped road among the vineyards with awe-inspiring views at Špičnik.

igotimes Svečina igotimes 5 trails with distances ranging from 11 to 23 km

(3-6 hours ()

HIKE TO MESTNI VRH, PTUJ

Views of the oldest Slovenian town are the most beautiful from the peaks around it. Awaiting you along the way are the Roman Camp Poetovio, hospitable agritourism farms and winegrowers, the Old Press Museum and the Railway Park.

 \bigotimes Ptuj Thermal Spa or the old centre of Ptuj \implies 15.9 km (\bigcirc) 3 hours (\bigcirc)

THREE CHURCHES TRAIL, LAŠKO

Among the numerous hiking trails in Laško, a town known for its health resort and brewing, there's one that connects green nature with the region's sacral heritage. The oldest organs in Slovenia can be found in one of the churches along the way.

 \otimes Laško \rightarrow 6,6 km \odot 2-3 hours \diamondsuit

HOP TRAIL, ŽALEC

This trail in the valley of the green gold between Žalec and Šempeter takes you among hop plantations to the Eco-Museum of Hop-Growing and Brewing Industry and the first beer fountain in the world.

⊗ Žalec → 14 km ⊕3-4 hours 🗘

PODSREDA CASTLE TRAIL

Set out from the medieval market town of Podsreda near the health resort of Podčetrtek in the Kozjansko Regional Park, past the Levstik Mill and through the forest at Podsreda Castle, considered to be the most stately of all Slovenian castles.

 \bigotimes Podsreda \Rightarrow 2.5 km in one direction

(1) 45 minutes (2)

FOUR WATERFALLS TRAIL, BOHOR

Walk from waterfall to waterfall. Climb a few rocks at Bojanca Waterfall and then descend to the multi-levelled Pekel Waterfall. Go on further to the Ubijavnik Waterfall and its pool and then to Bojavnik Waterfall. The trail offers a medium level of difficulty.

igotimes Krško: Jablance igotimes 12,5 km igotimes 6 hours igotimes

TRAPPIST TRAIL, BRESTANICA

The trail along which the Trappist monks once transported win from Sremič offers a view of the entire Krško polje basin and the Kamnik-Savinja Alps from the Grmada Hill, the highest point on the trail. Among the vineyards, you can visit several churches and Rajhenburg Castle.

⊗ Brestanica → 12 km ⊕4 hours 🗘

IN NORDIC STYLE TO OTOČEC, ŠMARJEŠKE TOPLICE

In addition to many other trails, the health resort known as the centre of Nordic walking enables a hike to Otočec Castle, the only castle on water in Slovenia. You can walk from the island in the middle of the Krka River to nearby Struga Castle, too.

⊗ Šmarješke Toplice → 12 km ⊕3 hours

NOVO MESTO GREEN CIRCLE TRAIL

The trail links promenades by the Krka River, town forests, Grm Castle and its park, the Kette Avenue, the archaeologically important Marof Hill and other green sights of the Dolenjska capital. The views also reveal why Novo mesto is known as the town on seven hills.

⊗ Novo mesto → 10,5 km ⊕ 2 hours 30 minutes ♦

CITY FOREST TRAILS, CELJE

In the town of the renowned Counts of Celje, you can venture on educational forest trails that lead to the largest tree house in Slovenia. Visit a special adventure playground and view the town next to the Savinja River from an observatory.

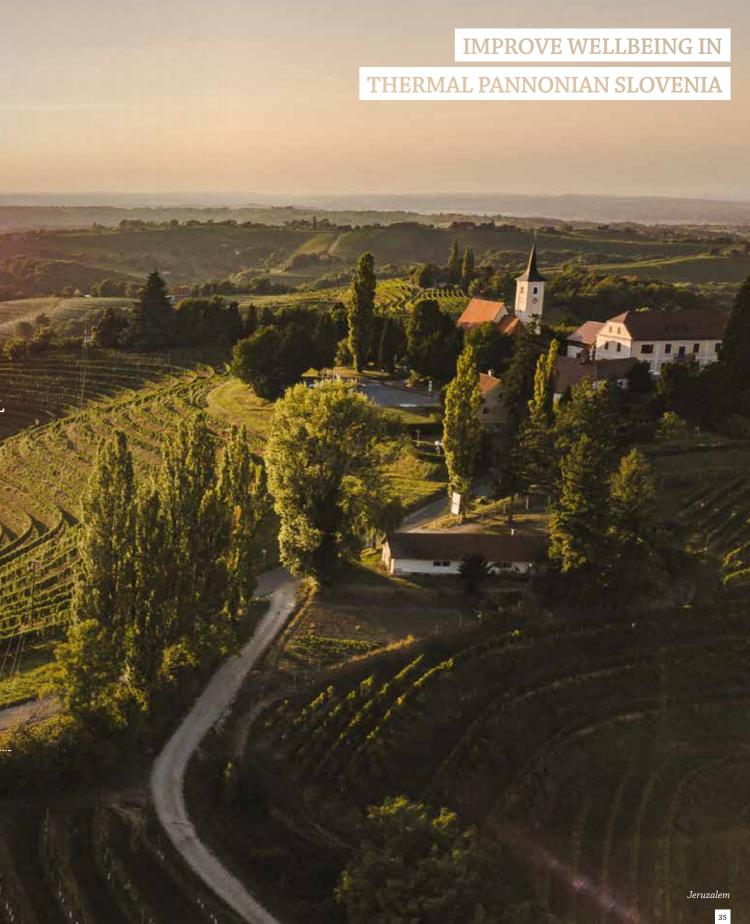
 \bigotimes Celje \Rightarrow 14 km | 12 different trails

AMONG ROGAŠKA SLATINA SPRINGS

Discover the attractions of the health resort known for its spring water rich in magnesium. The trail starts and ends in the iconic spa park, leads to four different springs, the minera water hall and other attractions in Rogaška Slatina.

⊗ Rogaška Slatina → 5 km ⊕ 2 hours ♦

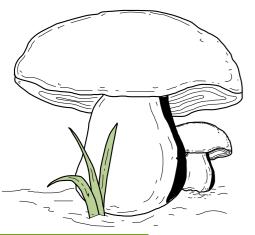
Starting point → Length ⊕ Time
Circular trail Entrance fee



WHERE THE JOY FOR HIKING BEGINS

MARSH PIXIES TRAIL TO MALI PLAC

Go on a 3.2-kilometre fairy-tale and adventurous trail in Ljubljana Marshes Nature Park where you will find sculptures of marsh animals. Children can collect swamp stamps and pixierunic symbols in their Marsh Notebook.



LEARNING PATH OF BISER THE DWARF

The Best Themed Trail of 2019 invites you to the Šalek Valley, where you'll experience the relaxing power of the forest, milling, legendary stories of Snake Castle and various antiquities preserved in a special collection.

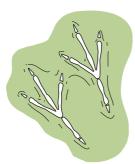


Accompanied by giant wooden animals, the cheeky dwarf invites you to discover treasures in the natural surroundings of the Pohorje Hills. With the help of virtual reality, it even pops up every now and then and speaks to you.



SHEPHERD DWARF TRAIL, KRVAVEC

After travelling to the plateau in the middle of the Kamnik-Savinja Alps by cable car and a four-seater chairlift, you'll venture through forests and across pastures to the dwarf's garden, a shepherd's cottage and the mountain of sounds. Along the way, you'll solve the tasks collected in the dwarf's scrapbook.

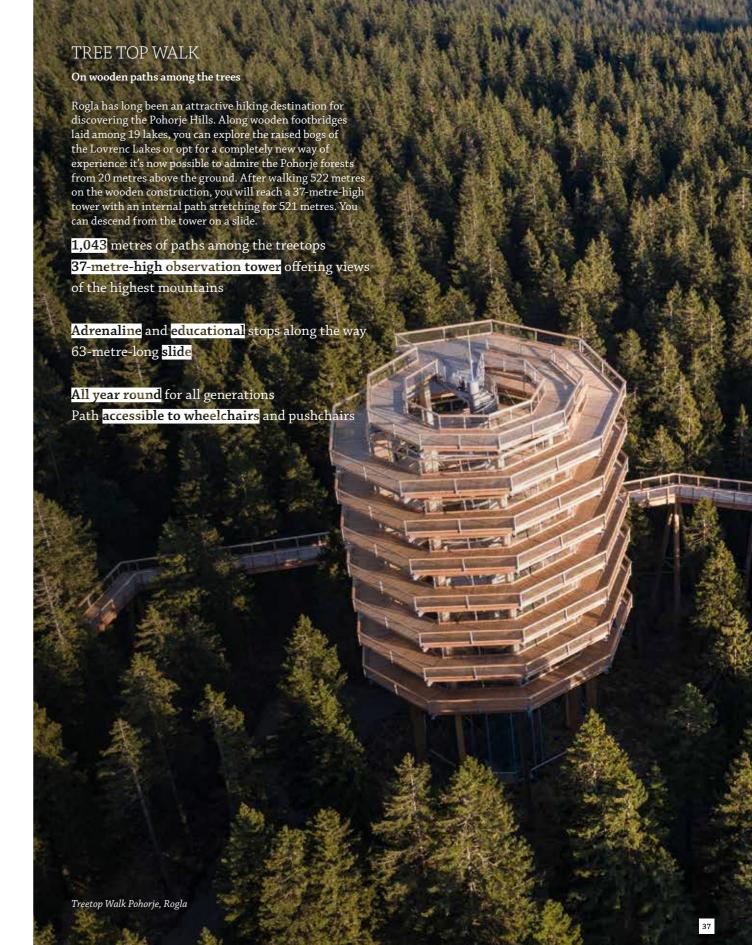


KINGFISHER NATURE TRAIL

The natural history educational trail named after an unruly bird hides many surprises on a 5.2-kilometre hike near Ljubljana where you'll encounter numerous birds and enjoy their singing, learn about the wildlife in ponds and in Županova jama (Mayor's Cave).

POLH ADVENTURE PARK, POLHOV GRADEC

In the park next to the Polhov Gradec Manor, with the Polh booklet in your hand, set off on a circular route among wooden sculptures of forest animals, to the didactic apiary, the Animal Mail House and the Jazbina Den. In the meantime, you can get to know the nature and culture of Polhov Gradec.



PROTECTED CLIMBING ROUTES - FERRATAS

A popular adrenaline experience among experienced hikers who seek special thrills are ferratas; maintained and protected climbing routes. Classic ferratas are equipped with pitons and steel wires to help climbers reach their destinations more safely, while modern sports ferratas are designed to provide excitement when climbing in nature.

Attention! Climb safely. Use protective equipment: a helmet, a climbing harness, a self-protection set, and climbing footwear with a good grip. Assess your abilities regarding the level of difficulty graded from A to F. A course is mandatory for higher difficulty levels, on which you'll learn suitable climbing techniques and correct use of the equipment. If you're climbing a ferrata for the first time, take a guide with you.

KRANJSKA GORA, the Hvadnik Via Ferrata

Difference in altitude: 250 m Difficulty: B, detail C

- MOJSTRANA, the Grančišče Via Ferrata Difference in altitude: 180 m Difficulty: 2 routes; B and C, C/D
- **TRŽIČ**, the Spodnji Plot Zelenica Via Ferrata Difference in altitude: 90 m Difficulty: bottom section A/B; then 2 routes; D and E
- JEZERSKO, the Češka koča Via Ferrata
 Difference in altitude: 300 m
 Difficulty: C/D, detail E
- POSAVJE, the Lisca Via Ferrata
 Difference in altitude: 125 m
 Difficulty: B/C, last stretch D/E
- VINSKA GORA, the Gonžarjeva Peč Via Ferrata
 Difference in altitude: 125 m
 Difficulty: B/C, detail D/E
- VRŠIČ, the Hanza Route to Mt Mala Mojstrovka

Via Ferrata
Difference in altitude: 720 m
Difficulty: B/C

KANIN, the family-friendly Mt Prestreljenik

Via Ferrata

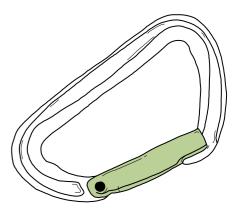
Difference in altitude: 110 m Difficulty: A

The Hvadnik Via Ferrata

MOUNTAIN AND SPORTS CLIMBING

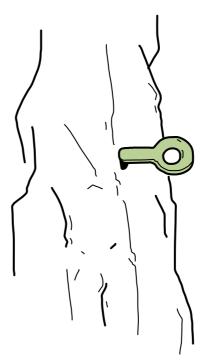
MOUNTAIN CHALLENGES

Slovenian mountaineers have been conquering primary routes on the highest mountains of the world for decades. Among the most popular ones in Slovenia is the 1,300 metres high and more than 3,500 metres wide Triglav North Face, where more than 140 routes have been marked which can be discovered in the summer if you are suitably skilled and equipped and accompanied by experienced guides. Challenging rock faces can also be found in other mountains of Alpine Slovenia.



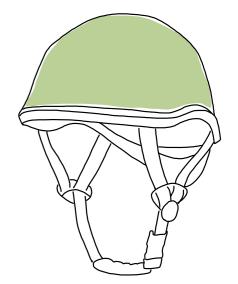
POPULAR NATURAL CLIMBING AREAS

Sports climbers wanting to climb even if they're not conquering high mountain peaks can find in Slovenia natural climbing areas with a choice of routes of various difficulty levels. Most of them can be found in Alpine Slovenia, i.e. in the Julian Alps, and in the Jezersko region and the Logar Valley. Osp with its semi-circular overhanging rock face and routes with difficulty levels ranging between 4a and 9b attracts climbers all year round to Mediterranean & Karst Slovenia, including the nearby Mišja peč that boasts the most difficult climbing routes. A popular climbing area in Thermal Pannonian Slovenia is Kotečnik in the vicinity of the hop-growing town of Žalec, where more than 300 routes for beginners and expert climbers can be found between spring and autumn.



CLIMBING CENTRES

Slovenian climbers are some of the best in the world. They have good training conditions in nature and climbing centres. The largest and most modern sports and climbing centre in Ljubljana has almost 1,300 m2 of climbing surfaces with high and low or bouldering walls and routes of various difficulty levels. The climbing centre in Celje has a wall for speed climbing and the centre in Kranj a wall for lead climbing. The centres for bouldering are also in Verd near Vrhnika, Koper and Nova Gorica. Climbing walls can also be found in sports centres and schools. Also offering interesting challenges are artificial outdoor climbing walls, which can be found, for example, in the Cukarca Adventure Park near Šentvid pri Stični and in Gozd Martuljek.





FOR LOVERS OF **ALL TYPES OF CYCLING**

FROM THE PLAINS TO THE HEIGHTS,

FROM SPRING TO AUTUMN

Alpine Slovenia invites visitors to experience excellent cycling parks in the summer and mountain biking trails of all difficulty levels. **Thermal Pannonian Slovenia** features friendly trails for family cycling trips along the plains near rivers and gentle rural hills and routes for road cyclists. **Ljubljana & Central Slovenia** prove that a bike is an excellent choice for travelling distances in towns and discovering stories along themed cycling trails. Although die-hard cycling enthusiasts also cycle in winter in Slovenia, it's best to venture on cycling tours between spring and autumn. The exception is Mediterranean & Karst Slovenia, where it's possible to cycle throughout the year due to the mild climate.





All selected cycling trails can also be cycled by e-bikes. These can be hired from specialised tourist agencies, while tourist information centres (TICs) and certified accommodation facilities for cyclists provide information about local offers.

FOR EASIER TRIPS AND

DEMANDING SPORTS CHALLENGES

Explore the surrounding area of holiday destination and towns on **family trips** with your own or rented (including electric) bikes. You can set out from Slovenian natural health resorts on maintained and marked easy trails along plains and hills. Trails attracting beginners as well as experienced cyclists can also be found in mountain centres that provide an array of other sports and outdoor activities for active families. Marked cycling tours challenge **road cyclists** with elevation differences and provide magnificent views, while forest trails and bike parks inspire tour and gravity mountain bikers and adrenaline junkies. Cycling travellers prefer **long-distance cycling trails** that connect several regions.





SPECIALISED

ACCOMMODATION FOR CYCLISTS

The fact that Slovenia is a cyclist-friendly country is supported by more than 50 specialised providers of accommodation for cyclists. Hotels, hostels, guesthouses, apartments and other types of accommodation adorned with one, two, three, four or five bikes offer their own cycling tours and guides, bike rental and service, transport, etc. in addition to safe storage facilities for bicycles. When choosing your accommodation, don't forget to look at camp sites especially designed for accommodating cyclists. In addition to useful information and services, these also offer multi-day cycling tour programmes and trained cycling guides.



When planning your route, book your accommodation at







Mariborsko Pohorje

difference in one day is 1,650 m.

Officulty: medium difficulty



MORE INTERESTING

DESTINATIONS FOR MOUNTAIN

BIKERS

Those who travel on a mountain or a trekking bike find the right trails for themselves either on famed long-distance trails or their selected stages as well as in numerous local cycling networks. Explore green nature in the vicinity of historical towns and regional or landscape parks. Ascend to see views that may surprise you even on lower hills and not just atop Alpine peaks.

THE SOČA RIVER VALLEY

Enjoy the views from the peaks of the Julian Alps between Bovec, Tolmin and Kobarid, and explore iconic plateaus and remote villages. This trail along the ridge of Kobarid's Mt Stol (ascent to 1,246 metres) is considered to be one of the most scenic experiences. The trail to Mt Matajur (1642 m) is challenging, while the cycling trails by the easternmost Slovenian village, Robidišče, are very inspiring.

KRANJSKA GORA

In addition to more than 200 kilometres of cycling paths suitable for all cyclists, mountain trails can also be found in the popular mountain sports centre. After strenuous climbs to mountain ridges, enjoyable descents are guaranteed.

ŠKOFJA LOKA WITH THE POLJANE AND SELCA VALLEYS

Close to the town renowned for its unique Passion Play, numerous cycling trails along the hills of three valleys have been arranged. The almost 400-kilometre Loka Cycle Route, divided into 13 stages, offers picturesque vistas. On one of the stages, you can climb to the top of Mt Blegoš (1562 m).

TRŽIČ

The town once known for its shoe-making industry features as many as 30 marked trails with destinations such as Mt Košuta, Slovenia's longest mountain, Mt Storžič, Mt Kriška gora or Mt Dobrča. The Ljubelj road pass with its iconic gorges and river valleys can pose quite a challenge for cyclists.

THE VIPAVA VALLEY

A circular cycling tour through the Vipava Valley, which begins and ends in Ajdovščina and, after a visit to Vipava and an 800-metre ascent to Col, opens up views from the edge of the Trnovski Gozd plateau. A track that climbs to the popular Nanos plateau (1,240 m) also branches off from the path.

TO THE KARST AND THE BRKINI

You can explore UNESCO's Karst Biosphere Reserve and venture to the iconic Brkini Hills via the hills and valleys along the 24-kilometre Brkinka Trail. Special features of the Green Karst can be seen on the Land of the Bear Cycling Trail that will take you to Snežnik Castle and Karst caves.

FOLLOWING THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE NOTRANJSKA REGION

Cycle to Mt Velika Slivnica (1114 m) to find the most magnificent views of the intermittent Lake Cerknica. Discover other surprises of the Notranjska Regional Park in the Rakov Škocjan Valley and on the Menišija Cycling Trail.

THE KOČEVSKO REGION

You can cycle here among the water springs with information boards and maintained picnic areas along the way. The shorter Springs of Kočevje Route, which also includes the Rožni Studenec Forest Educational Trail, is 14.5 kilometres long and suitable for everyone. In addition to springs and other sights, the longer and somewhat more difficult route takes you on its 31 kilometres to the MTB Trail Centre Kočevje.

THE KAMNIK-SAVINJA ALPS

Put your bike on a cable car and descend to the famous Velika planina Plateau from where you ride into the valley along a 29-kilometre trail. The attractive trail along the Solčava Panoramic Road can be found near the Logar Valley, where you can admire views of one of the most scenic glacial valleys in Europe. On the Golte Plateau, you can cycle past one of the highest situated mountain gardens in Europe, the Alpine Garden, high mountain Karst gullies and shepherds' huts to nearby Smrekovec, the only (extinct) volcano in Slovenia.

IN THE CAPITAL

Ljubljana plans to become the first capital in Europe with attractive trails for mountain bikers in an urban environment. Explore the Golovec Trails with natural single trails, plus challenging and fun trails for climbing.





1 JAMNICA SINGLE TRAIL PARK, THE KOROŠKA REGION

Cyclists on bikes named "all-mountain" and "enduro" can enjoy 21 kilometres of single trails in the Koroška park. Less difficult and technically challenging trails are linked together with a special trail to facilitate the return to the top. The mountainous surrounding area attracts MTB bikers as they can descend the neighbouring Mt Peca along a trail with 1,000 metres of elevation difference, considered to be the longest flow trail in Europe.

2 POHORJE BIKE PARK, MARIBOR [®]

For their dose of adrenaline, beginners can choose the 5.5-kilometre blue flow and family line with small jumps. The advanced and more skilled bikers challenge themselves on the 2.9-kilometre super-fast red line with huge jumps, while pro bikers ride the legendary 2.1-kilometre black line of the World Cup with its technical jumps.

3 KRANJSKA GORA BIKE PARK [®]

On the iconic ski slope in the heart of the Julian Alps, accessible via a four-seater chairlift, a bike park for all types of bikers (free ride, northshore, enduro, tabletop, downhill) of various physical fitness levels has been set up. Families and beginners, experienced and professional mountain bikers can also venture on trips and regular tours of the surrounding hills.

4 KRVAVEC BIKE PARK ®

Choose from 30 kilometres of trails on six marked mountain biking trails with the largest elevation drop among the Slovenian bike parks. The park enables the perfection of skills on wooden and rock elements which can be practised on the trail for beginners and on the panoramic trail.

5 VOGEL BIKE PARK

The natural ski slope in Triglav National Park attracts adrenaline bikers in summer. The access to the start altitude at 1,682 metres is enabled by a cable car and then a four-seater chairlift, both offering magnificent views. The 1.4-kilometre trail with an elevation difference of 200 metres and several obstacles of various difficulty levels is suitable for beginners and experienced bikers.

6 ROBIDIŠČE TRAIL CENTRE

Five hand-made trails, each some 2 kilometres long, await you in the westernmost village in Slovenia. From the top, where there is also a skills park, they lead over the pools of the Nadiža River. The easiest routes are also suitable for families and children, while the more difficult ones require advanced knowledge.

7 ROGLA BIKE PARK

In the midst of the Pohorje forests, bikers can enjoy the thrills provided by trails of various difficulty levels and elements such as tabletops, berms, drops, step ups, etc. The most difficult trails for super challenging descents with jumps and fast bends are particularly attractive. A park that attracts extra demanding bikers, it is also suitable for beginners who venture on the trails with instructors.

8 MTB TRAIL CENTRE KOČEVJE

Dolga vas pri Kočevju is the place when several trails of various difficulty levels can be found, from the least demanding with no technical elements to the 3-kilometre climb with an elevation difference of 200 metres. Technical obstacles enabling longer jumps over holes, tests at a rock garden and on raised curves – berms can be found at the bottom of the park.

9 POSEKA BIKE PARK

A trail for speed enthusiasts and a trail with a diverse course on natural ground with tilted turns can be found in the sports centre in Ravne na Koroškem.

10 KOPE BIKE PARK

The trail called Flow Line provides fun, sports and adrenaline adventures for individuals, groups and families, while the Pro Line is intended for the most skilled bikers.

11 LJUBLJANA BIKE PARK

A mountain bike skills park in an old quarry, a flow line and a dual slalom track, a pump track, options for jumps, and newly built facilities are linked by an XC trail. Educational workshops and courses are organised in the mountain bike skills park, which is also suitable for children and beginners.

12 CUKARCA BIKE PARK

The cycling part of the largest adventure park in Dolenjska offers two routes for beginners and experienced cyclists and an attractive "dirt park" with a dirt pump track and two jump lines. The park near Šentvid pri Stični also offers a large climbing wall and an adrenaline park.



GRAVITY CARD ticket



REACHING KRVAVEC IS A TRUE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Many cyclists find the climb to Mt Krvavec above the Ljubljana Basin the toughest climb in Slovenia. The trail to the Hotel Krvavec includes 15.5 kilometres of persistent climbing with an average gradient of more than 8%, which even reaches 15% in two sections. The total climb stretches through 1,202 metres of elevation.

TO THE MANGARTSKO SEDLO PASS FOR MAJESTIC VIEWS

On an attractive road tour in the Julian Alps, a more than 21-kilometre slope has to be conquered on the way to the finish line at 2,040 metres. The route, which also leads through three tunnels, has on average a 7-per cent slope. After ascending 1,487 metres, you can see Mt Mangart (2678 m) and the Mangart or Laghi di Fusine Lakes.

TACKLING HAIRPIN BENDS TO THE VRŠIČ PASS

A climb up to the highest road pass in Slovenia is demanding, but also a very popular cycling destination. If starting in Kranjska Gora, you'll have to tackle a more than 10-kilometre climb with an average 7.25-per cent slope and 749 metres of elevation difference. The statistics are similar if starting on the other side of the pass in the Soča River Valley. A race in which competitors ride the legendary small city bike, Pony, to the Vršič Pass also presents a true challenge.

CONQUER NEARBY SLOPES

Wherever you are in Slovenia, a starting point for an interesting road climb is never far away. Cross the Kamnik-Savinja Alps across the Pavličevo Sedlo Pass and visit Solčava and the Logar Valley or the Jezersko Valley in the Gorenjska region. Push the pedals and conquer Golte or the Mozirje Hills. Venture on the **Predel Pass** on the border between Slovenia and Italy. Climb the forested Pokljuka Plateau to where trails lead from Bled and Bohinj. From the latter, you should also venture to Soriška planina road pass. Conquer the Pohorje Hills. You can start in Maribor and cycle to the Areh ski centre. In the Pohorje Hills, you'll also discover the steepness of the road from the Zreče health resort to the Rogla ski resort. Ascend to Mt Kum in Central Slovenia. Tackle the road to **Strmo Reber** in the Kočevsko region, a challenging route with 19 180-degree hairpin turns and an average 8.8-per cent slope.





MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ROAD AND TREKKING Irrespective of your past cycling experience, you can safely explore trails in Slovenia which will take you to local roads and in special directions away from the main traffic routes. It's easy to find the perfect trail for a family trip, exploration of towns and their green surrounding areas.

AROUND COSMOPOLITAN ALPINE CENTRES

You can cycle around the iconic lake with its island in **Bled.** The Radovna River Valley between **Bled and Kranjska Gora** boasts unforgettable cycling trips for the entire family. You can start or end your journey along the first cycling trail in **Triglav National Park** at the Slovenian Alpine Museum in Mojstrana and explore along the way the sights of the Upper Sava Valley. From Bled, you can cycle to **Radovljica**, the centre of the Slovenian beekeeping tradition and chocolate-making, which is also a popular starting point for climbing mountains. In **Kranj**, considered to be the capital of the Slovenian Alps, venture on cycling routes under Mt Storžič. Four diverse trails will take you to vantage points of the Gorenjska countryside.

CYCLING AMONG VINEYARDS AND ORCHARDS

Cycling trails in the **Brda Hills** are named after fruit varieties growing in local orchards. Circular trips start in Dobrovo. An easy cycling trail suitable for the entire family can also be found in the **Upper Vipava Valley.** In addition to vineyards and orchards, it's possible to discover attractions between the towns of Ajdovščina and Vipava where the only delta-shaped river spring in Europe can be found in the middle of the town.

POSAVJE CYCLING EXPERIENCES

Numerous cycling trails criss-cross near castles along the **Sava River**, which you can cycle on multi-day tours or short trips. Choose a route that will enable you to stop at castle cellars and restaurants so you can learn about the Posavje wine culture and cuisine. Themed trails near **Terme Čatež Spa** are also pleasant for easygoing

EMERALD CYCLING TRAILS

cycling trips.

The valley of the emerald green Soča River offers more than 2,500 kilometres of trails for all types of cyclists. The road trail between **Tolmin and Kobarid**, which also runs on the Soča's left bank away from the main road in the valley, is especially interesting for families. It leads through villages, past the Napoleon Bridge and the Soča gorges. The route from **Kobarid to the Nadiža River** and its swimming area is always a pleasant choice.

ROUTES AMIDST THE PICTURESQUE

COUNTRYSIDE WITH HEALTH RESORTS

The **Kozjansko** and **Obsotelje regions** feature themed cycling trails that connect Slovenia with neighbouring Croatia. Individual trails are linked with **Terme Olimia** Spa in **Podčetrtek** and the famous **Rogaška Slatina natural spa**. From **Šentjur**, you can venture to Lake Slivnica, among other nearby destinations.

THE UPPER SAVA

CYCLING TRAIL

The Jure Robič Cycling Trail, named after the renowned extreme cyclist, is considered one of the most scenic cycling trails in the Gorenjska region. The route of the former railway line connects **Mojstrana, Kranjska Gora** and **Rateče,** and then continues to Laghi di Fusine Lakes in neighbouring Italy. This almost 50-kilometre trail incorporates sights such as the Slovenian Alpine Museum, Lake Jasna in Kranjska Gora and the Planica Olympic Sports Centre.

ŠTREKNA CYCLING TRAIL

One of the most well-maintained cycling trails will take you to the **Koroška region**. Along the route of an abandoned railway line with two tunnels are 24 kilometres of trails. With its slight incline, the trail is popular among families and less experienced cyclists.

AROUND THE KARST WORLD

The attractions of the Karst landscape and architecture can be admired on numerous trails from the town of Miren to the Brkini Hills. When cycling along the 85-kilometre trail called the **Karst Cultural Ring,** you will travel through Sežana, Lipica, Divača, Štanjel and Tomaj. You'll tackle a 33-kilometre Bloke cycling loop on the Karst plateau of Bloke. Many road trails also take you around Lake Cerknica.

AMONG THE HOP PLANTATIONS OF THE SAVINJA VALLEY

From **Žalec**, venture among the famous hop plantations near the first beer fountain in the world to numerous sights of interest in the Savinja Valley on as many as 19 marked cycling trails of various difficulty levels.

BOHINJ CYCLING TRAIL

Among the more than 420 kilometres of cycling trails that are an invitation to the area of Lake Bohinj under Triglav National Park, recreational cyclists most favour the 11-kilometre multi-purpose asphalt road that runs between the **Lower and Upper Bohinj Valley.** The Alpine Dairy Farming Museum and other attractions in the Bohinj area can be explored along the well-marked route.

ON A BIKE TO HISTORY

Discover Slovenian towns and their surroundings on a bike. Regular and e-bikes for exploring different stories of towns and their green hinterland can be hired in Ljubljana, Maribor, Murska Sobota, Ptuj, Celje, Novo mesto, Škofja Loka, Slovenj Gradec, Radovljica, Kamnik, Kranj, Laško, Kostanjevica na Krki and Koper.

DISCOVERING LJUBLJANA IN A UNIQUE WAY



Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, is high on the list of the most bike-friendly cities in the world. It has more than 230 kilometres of arranged cycling trails. The options for bike rental are supplemented by guided themed cycling tours. One of these is the **Moustache Tour**, a one-of-a-kind 3.5-hour cycling experience

taking you along the trails of the influential moustachioed men of Slovenian culture. It also boasts the Slovenia Unique Experiences label.

THE POMURJE SWEET TRAIL

More than 600 kilometres of marked cycling trails can be found in the region surrounding the Mura River. One of them is also a 41-kilometre circular tour called the Sweet Trail. On this quite diverse trail of medium difficulty that starts in **Moravske Toplice**, it's possible to learn about handicrafts, beekeeping, milling and sample some sweet delicacies.

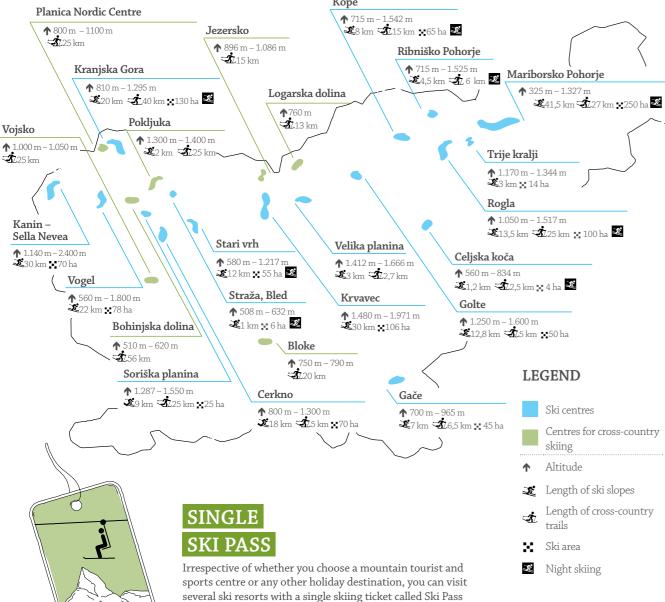


IN LOVE WITH WINTER

SPORTS CENTRES WITH WHITE SLOPES

Skiers of all types, cross-country skiers, snowboarders, sledders and lovers of all other winter sports can find the perfect spot for their outdoor activities in sports centres where snow is assured even when nature is less generous with it. Slovenia's special advantages are manageable distances and easy access to all major winter centres. Visit them also in spring, summer and autumn when they provide numerous possibilities for active green experiences. Smaller centres all over Slovenia also cater for beginners and families.





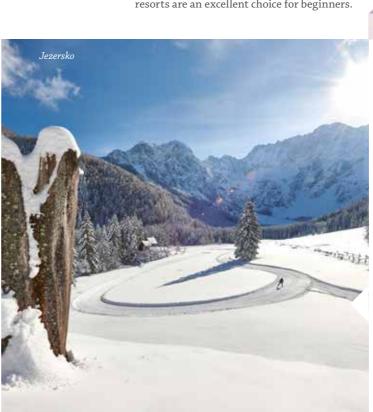
Slovenia. You can choose from individual or family passes

that are valid between two and seven days.

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ALPINE SKIING

In addition to maintained slopes for Alpine skiing and suitable ski lifts and other devices, the major Slovenian mountain centres provide equipment hire, and have ski schools, catering and accommodation facilities. On rocky and little overgrown high mountain slopes such as **Kanin** and **Vogel**, the ski season can last until May. Other ski resorts, such as **Kranjska Gora** in the Julian Alps, **Krvavec** and **Golte** in the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, **Rogla**, the **Maribor Pohorje** Hills and **Kope** in the Pohorje Hills feature welcoming plateaus among forests. Ski resorts of the pre-Alpine hills such as **Cerkno** and **Stari vrh** are particularly attractive for families. Numerous smaller ski resorts are an excellent choice for beginners.



SKI TOURING

Ski touring enables genuine contact with wild winter nature on off-piste unmarked terrains. There are plenty of suitable terrains in Slovenia, but don't embark on this demanding sport alone! Even the most experienced should go on a ski tour in pairs, and with a mountain guide to areas they do not know. Depending on your preparedness and the weather, the guide will choose a suitable goal: descent from the top in the vicinity of mountain centres, ascent to the top and descent from it, which can be achieved in one day (for example, to the popular Komna) or a special experience such as the **Juliana Ski Tour** - a four-day trip across the Julian Alps with four different ski tours.



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Cross-country skiing enthusiasts will find their perfect place in Planica Nordic Centre, where 800 metres of cross-country skiing track in an underground snow tunnel is also available in summer. More than 40 kilometres of tracks are arranged on natural snow in the nearby Kranjska Gora. The **Pokljuka** Plateau in Triglav National Park has a very good reputation among cross-country skiers. From more than 25 kilometres of tracks, there are also sections for competitive cross-country skiers. More than 65 kilometres of various tracks are arranged in the nearby Bohinj Valley when there's snow. Top athletes and recreational sportspeople frequently visit the cross-country ski centre in Rogla, where there are 24 kilometres of tracks with various difficulty levels and a start-finish arena suitable for teaching beginners and practising. When there's snow, cross-country skiing tracks can also be found in the vicinity of certain towns and attractive tourist destinations such as the Logar Valley, Jezersko and the Bloke Plateau, which is known as the cradle of the Slovenian skiing tradition.





vboarders are welcome at all Slovenian ski

resorts. Special ski slopes are arranged for them and

snowboarding outside those limits is not permitted. Those seeking special challenges and an ideal location

for snowboarding should opt for the Vogel Snow Park

with its multiple jumps (kickers) and other elements. The park is suitable for beginners and experienced or

even professional boarders.

SNOWSHOEING AND SLEDGING

Venture on a snowshoe hike away from the maintained trails, along paths that you can't even see under their thick layer of snow. Many mountain centres **organise guided day** and – particularly interesting – **night hikes** into pristine nature equipped with snowshoes and poles. In addition to sledging tracks, which can usually be found next to ski slopes, you can experience a true sledging adventure with a day or night descent of the longest sledging track in **Slovenia from the Vogar mountain pasture in Bohinj** (6 km), on the snowy road from **Ljubelj** (2.5 km) or **Mt Mangart** (3 km), on the first sledging track equipped with lights in **Gozd Martuljek** and on sledging slopes in Jezersko, the Selce Valley, the Velika planina Plateau and elsewhere.





In wintertime, seekers of exciting and new adventures in Slovenian sports centres get their thrills from snow rafting, airboarding, skijoring, skibiking, snow wakeboarding and many other thrilling sports.





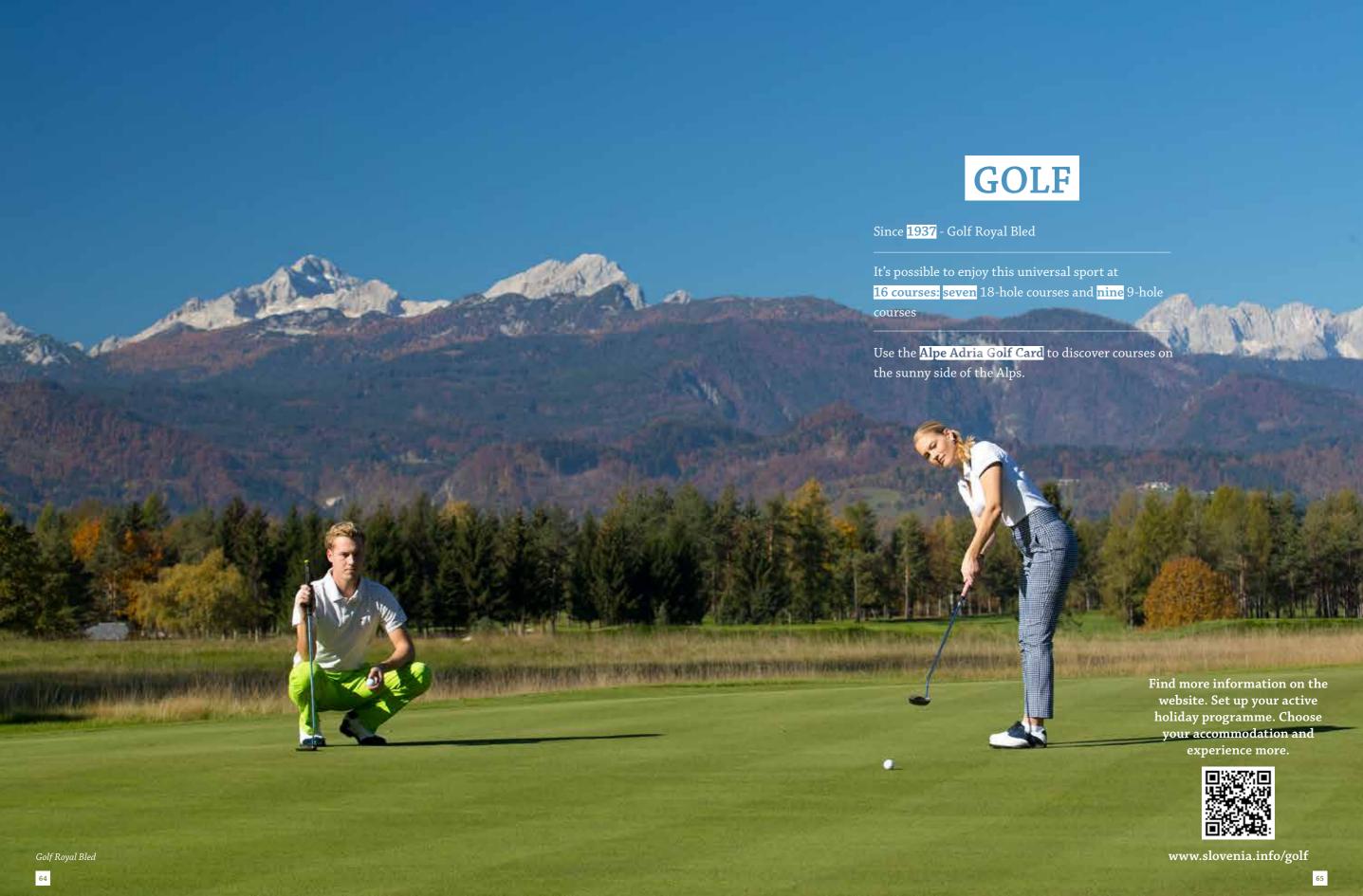


WINTER

the Karavanke Alps or Mt Raduha (2062 m) in the Kamnik-Savinja Alps in winter. You can also experience a true winter fairy-tale in low mountains, including the Velika planina Plateau, the Škofja Loka Hills, the Polhov Gradec Hills, the Zasavje or the Pohorje Hills.

ICE CLIMBING

Slovenia is a country with an abundance of water. Numerous waterfalls that freeze in winter are a magnet for thrill seekers. Ice climbing should be done with full equipment and an instructor to begin with. In the Mlacca Gorge near Mojstrana, belay devices are provided on the frozen slope, making this site an excellent place for beginners. More experienced climbers can attempt the demanding Lucifer ice vertical in the nearby Gozd Martuliek, while the frozen waterfalls under Mt Prisank and in the Tamar Valley also present their challenges in the vicinity. The waterfalls of Log pod Mangartom are popular in the Soča River Valley, including those in the Trenta Valley, and when winter is particularly cold, climbers like to visit the Boka Waterfall, which has the largest water volume of all the falls in Slovenia. The opportunity to test your climbing skills on ice crystals also presents itself in the hidden gullies of the Logar Valley, which boasts more than 20 waterfalls. In addition to natural climbing sites, artificial walls can be found in Slovenia, too. A wall for rock climbing using ice climbing equipment (ice axe and crampons) for the so-called dry-tooling can be found in **Domžale**, which also hosts competitions of the European Ice Climbing Cup.



SPORT WITH THE Golf igrišče Livada, Moravske Toplice **LOVELIEST VIEWS** 18●, 6.236 m, par 72 Golf Radenci 9 •, 1.669 m, par 31/62 Golf Kranjska Gora 9, 1.748 m, par 32/64 Golf Ptui 18, 5.727 m, par 71 Royal Bled Golf Slovenske Konjice 18●, 6.563 m, par 72 in 9**,** 2.448 m, par 36/72 9 ●, 3.047 m, par 36/72 A Golf Olimje, Podčetrtek Golf Brdo 9 ●, 887 m, par 28/56 Golf Bovec 9 ●, 2.081 m, par 31/62 9 ●, 3.012 m, par 36/72 **Diners Cubo Golf Arboretum** Golf Ljubljana Ljubljana 18, 5.872 m, par 72 **Golf Grad Mokrice** 18, 5.015 m Par 71 Mladinski golf center 18●, 5.785 m, par 71 Stanežiče Golf Trnovo Ljubljana 9 ●, 1.299 m, par 27/54 9 ●, 2.470 m, par 34/68 Golf Grad Otočec 18●, 6.189 m, par 72 Golf Lipica 9●, 6.225 m, par 36/73 **MAGNIFICENT 7 IN OUTSTANDING SURROUNDINGS** Due to their orderliness and settings in a diverse green landscape, Slovenian golf courses are some of the most scenic in Europe. Courses with 18 holes offer a sporting invitation to legendary Bled, the place with the oldest golf tradition in Slovenia and the largest course area; Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital, where one of the most modern courses is open all year round; the nearby Arboretum Volčji Potok with a golf course situated next to a botanical garden; Otočec where the course lies next to a picturesque water castle; Mokrice with its course stretching below medieval castle walls only a stone's throw away from Terme Čatež Spa; Moravske Toplice with its nearby Terme 3000 Spa and where the attractive course boasts a 600-metre long field; and Ptuj, the oldest Slovenia town, where water features present a special challenge.

PLAY GOLF IN EXTRAORDINARY LOCATIONS

AND PRACTICE IN TOWNS

In addition to the well-established courses with 18 holes, golfers can also find 9-hole courses and various driving ranges. Enjoy a round of golf when on holiday in the Soča River Valley or in Bovec, when visiting Lipica, the cradle of the Lipizzan horses in the Karst, the protocol estate of Brdo pri Kranju, the Zlati Grič Estate covered with vineyards in Slovenske Konjice or when staying in the health resorts of Radenci and Podčetrtek. Visit driving ranges for long and short games in Stanežiče or a public course in Trnovo, both in Ljubljana, where you can test your skills even if you're a beginner in the company of an experienced golfer.

INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF SLOVENIAN GOLF

Golf has been played in Slovenia since 1937 and the best Slovenian courses have hosted numerous tournaments and European championships since then. In 2015, Slovenia was the Undiscovered Golf Destination of the Year according to IAGTO (International Association of Golf Tour Operators), and it recently hosted the International Golf Travel Market. Slovenia's special advantage is easy access to mutually cooperative golf courses in the Alpe-Adria region. In addition to Slovenian courses, the annual golf card, i.e. the Alpe-Adria Golf Card, enables visits to the courses in neighbouring Austria and Italy.







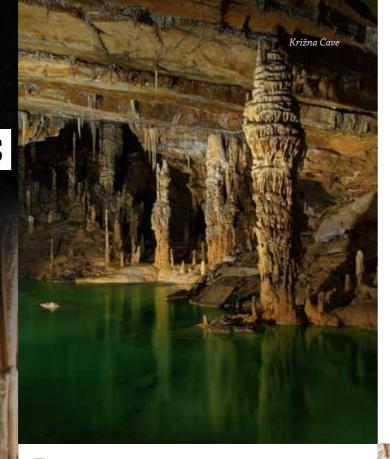
Guided horseback riding tours are possible in many places in Slovenia. You can also go riding in landscape and regional parks, and Triglav National Park. Maintained horse-riding trails can be found in Bohinj, the Pokljuka Plateau, Idrija, the Pohorje Hills, the Kočevsko, Bela krajina and Posavje regions, and elsewhere. Nowadays, popular trails are even presented in digital form. For example, check out the digitalised trails of the Obsotelje and Kozjansko regions





UNFORGETTABLE TOURS OF POPULAR CAVES

A special cave train will take you to the magnificent sculptures, stalactites, stalagmites, and halls of **Postojna Cave**, the most popular Karst cave in Europe. In the vivarium, you can admire the "human fish" (proteus) and interactively experience Karst phenomena at the Expo Cave Karst exhibition.

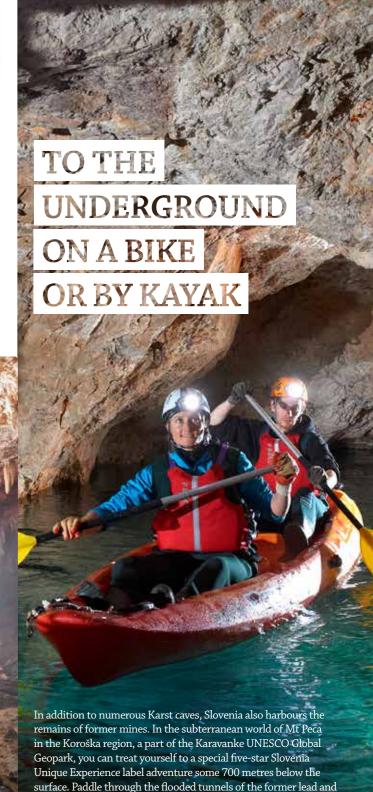


- Predjama Castle, the largest cave castle in the world, hides behind its walls an **impressive four-level underground cave**, the second longest tourist cave in Slovenia.
- One of the largest known underground river canyons in the world can be found in Škocjan Caves, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list.
- You'll be taken by boat across emerald green lakes to the site where the remains of a cave bear were found in **Križna Cave**.
- Planina Cave is the largest water cave in Slovenia. This cave boasts one of the largest confluences of underground rivers in Europe.
- Different coloured underground halls can be admired in **Vilenica Cave**, the first tourist cave in Europe.
- With tunnels on two levels, Dimnice Cave offers fascinating lessons in natural science.
- In Divaca Cave, you can find a speleothem cave called Zakladnica (treasure trove), which has white and red curtains and large crystals.
- You can see the highest underground waterfall in Slovenia in **Pekel Cave** in the Savinja Valley.
- In **Snežna Cave**, the highest situated tourist cave in Slovenia, it's possible to walk around an ice hall that has an ice pillar even in summer.
- **Kostanjevica Cave** near Kostanjevica na Krki reveals the fauna of the underground world as well as various speleothem forms.
- Mayor's Cave (also known as Tabor Cave) near Grosuplje has, among other features, an ice hall in which ice crystal stalagmites form in winter.



DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES AT POSTOJNA CAVE PARK

In addition to a train ride in the iconic Postojna Cave, it's also possible to experience the excitement of the first cave explorers in Postojna Cave Park, an experience well worthy of the *Slovenia Unique Experience* label. Equipped with a rope, a helmet and a helmet lamp, you will venture on a hike with an experienced guide through three caves (Postojna, Black and Pivka caves) in the footsteps of Luka Čeč or explore other non-tourist tunnels.



zinc mine in a kayak, or cycle along the 5-kilometre trail winding

through the mine tunnels.

Peca, Koroška

Postojna Cave



WHEN I GET CLOSER

TO THE SKY, EVERYTHING BECOMES

CLEARER.

Seeing Slovenia from a bird's eye view allows you to experience its beauty in a new way. Various views of mountain peaks, valleys and plains reveal the diversity of this green country.

The knowledge needed for independent flying, the power and skills required to move among the treetops, the pulse that accelerates when descending to the depths far below, the trust in the pilot taking you closer to the sun - all of these not only enrich our memories, but also our appetite for life. Enjoy the sports challenges provided by the Slovenian sky, indulge in adrenaline adventures high above the ground.

78 CHALLENGES OF THE SLOVENIAN SKY

82 ADRENALINE HIGHS ABOVE THE GROUND



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There are several sport airports for motor gliders and sailplanes. Many organise panoramic flights and air trips that provide a spectacular vantage point for the beautiful sights of the green country. Mt Triglav, the highest Slovenian mountain, the famous Alpine lakes, the Adriatic Sea, Ljubljana and other towns can be seen from a bird's eye view. It's also possible to lease or hire a plane at certain airports. Several flying schools and clubs train pilots of motor, ultralight and paragliding aircraft and paragliders, too.



Sports airport: 1. Lesce, 2. Bovec, 3. Ajdovščina, 4. Divača, 5. Postojna, 6. Šoštanj, 7. Slovenj Gradec, 8. Celje, 9. Slovenske Konjice, 10. Skoke, Maribor, 11. Moškanjci, Ptuj, 12. Murska Sobota, 13. Novo mesto, 14. Prilozje, Metlika International airports: 15. Brnik, Ljubljana, 16. Portorož, 17. Maribor

HOT AIR BALLOONING

Sunrises and sunsets look different if seen from a balloon crossing the Ljubljana Marshes, Lake Bled, the Pannonian Plan and other scenic sights that attract balloonists from all over the world. Balloon clubs with suitable certificates for conducting hot air balloon transport will lift you into the sky and safely bring you back down to earth at several locations in the country.

PARAGLIDING AND HANG GLIDING

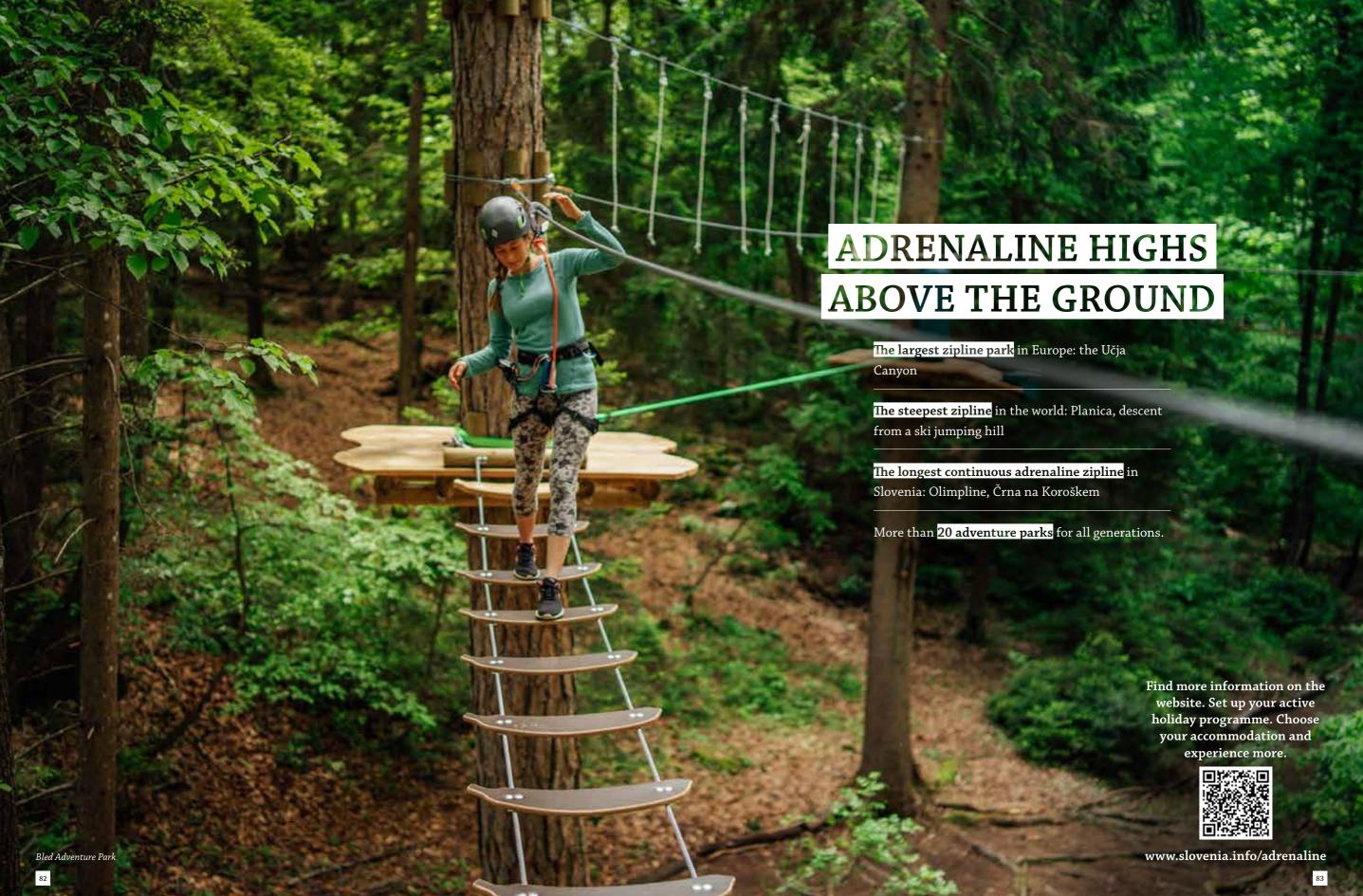
In Slovenia, you'll find more than 40 registered take-off sites for paragliders and hang gliders. Among the most attractive are those in the Soča River Valley, in the area of Bohinj, and in the Goriško and Vipavsko regions where the flying season lasts 300 days.

The Slovenian ski slopes, such as Krvavec, Vogel, Cerkno, the Soriška Planina Plateau, Golte and the Pohorje Hills are also popular take-off sites. A suitable licence is needed for independent paragliding. Slovenian paragliders and hang gliders who excel at international competitions will make sure that your flying experience in tandem is unforgettable. Choose a licensed provider with experienced instructors.





Lesce-Bled Airport was the site of the first world parachuting championship in 1951. Trained and licensed parachutists can find great opportunities at sports airports where experienced instructors oversee adrenaline-pumping but safe jumps with a tandem parachute from an aircraft or a helicopter at an altitude of 3-, 4- or 6,000 metres. And they also photograph your adventure in the sky.





JUMP INTO THE DEPTHS For many years now, bungee jumping has been one of the most popular adrenaline challenges. You can try it in the Soča River Valley, which offers a 55-metre jump amidst extraordinary surroundings. Towards the Soča River, you will jump from a bridge in Solkan near Nova Gorica.

Test your courage in Slovenian parks by sliding down a zipline for an unforgettable adventure:

- Olimpline, the longest continuous adrenaline zipline in Slovenia, can be found in Črna na Koroškem where you will descend down a 1,260-metre long zipline. The elevation difference between the starting and finishing points is 200 metres and the speed of the descent reaches up to 120 km/h.
- The steepest zipline descent in the world is in Planica, the venue of breathtaking ski jumps on the famous ski jumping hill. Speeds of up to 85 km/h can be reached on the 566-metre descent.
- Europe's largest zipline park is situated in the Soča River Valley. The Učja Canyon with ten ziplines, 4 kilometres of steel cables stretching 200 metres above the ground and providing speeds of up to 60 km/h will leave you totally

- You can also fly above the Soča River on a zipline in **Kanin**. It's possible to descend above the Krnica Valley in winter, too.
- In the vicinity of Bled, seven ziplines with a total length of 4 kilometres invite you to fly over the Sava Dolinka River. On the descent down the Dolinka zipline, you cross the valley that intertwines forests and wetlands and is part of the Natura 2000 network of protected areas seven times.
- Five ziplines also stretch above luscious forests in **Bohinj** where you can top off the experience with a 10-metre freefall.
- At Sunny Paradise Estate in Maribor, a zipline descent will connect you with the life of bees. A descent, 35 metres above the ground and known as the Bee Flight, runs in two directions and meetings in mid-air further add to the excitement.
- In addition to the 200-metre descent at **Golte** in the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, you can also test your skills on the artificial climbing wall where a guide will show you the ropes.

FLOATING ON AIR CURRENTS

A powerful air current will make you float in **Planica Nordic Centre** and **Aerodium in Logatec**. Wind tunnels that are used for parachuting practice are a fun adrenaline adventure even for those with no flying experience.





- Mangartom and the Srnica Gorge in the Soča River Valley, which is considered to be THE adrenaline valley. Bovec Adventure Park features challenges for children, adults and the particularly daring. To get their pulse pounding, visitors can enjoy activities in Kamp Koren Adventure Park in Kobarid, the Centre of Adventures under Mangart and the Park of Active Adventures in the Srnica Gorge. The Soča Fun Park in Solkan near Nova Gorica is also enticing; in addition to four polygons and the crossing of the Soča River by raft, a zipline across the Soča poses a true test of courage.
- In the Bohinj Adrenaline Park, you can climb 14 metres above ground and try a giant swing.
- The Bled Adrenaline Park combines adventures for the entire family with various outdoor activities, including summer tobogganing.
- The Postojna Adrenaline Park has as many as 78 different fun obstacles featuring bridges, ladders, nets, ropes and wires for forest adventures.
- The Summer Park 7 Activities at Krvavec boasts a trampoline, a climbing tower, a slackline, frisbee golf, archery and downhill with a tube.
- Near the Geometric Centre of Slovenia at Vače, there's the Geoss Adrenaline Park, which among other attractions provides a giant zipline 25 metres above the ground, seven climbing courses and 97 climbing elements. A particular feature of the park is a forest exercise space for children (Geoss) and the option of spending a night in the treetops.
- The Funpark Menina in the Savinja Valley has two courses (for children and adults) with various stations and a zipline over the lake and across the entire camp.
- The Celjska Koča Adventure Park above Celje has 35 different elements in treetops and three polygons of various difficulty levels. There are also two ziplines with a total length of 829 metres.
- The Otočec Adventure Park features four adventure tracks with 46 adrenalin-pumping climbing adventures; two tracks are suitable for children aged 5 and above.
- The Peter Klepec Adrenaline Park in Osilnica invites you to experience the Flying Peter zipline, a giant swing, an abseiling wall and a leap into the void.
- The Bukovniško Jezero Adventure Park near Murska Sobota has 8-metre high elements and the Stork Flight with a range of 27 metres.
- Children as young as three can climb into the treetops in Maribor's Betnava Adventure Park.
- The Vurberk Adventure Park is situated in the vicinity of Duplek near Maribor, next to the castle of the same name.
- The Stari Vrh Family Park in the Škofja Loka Hills has six adrenaline courses, a climbing wall and a more than 400-metre zipline.
- The adrenaline park in the Cukarca Adventure Park near Šentvid pri Stični offers as many as 50 different exercises at four different heights on 500-metre-long trails. Here, in addition to adults, children from the age of 4 can also practice their skills.









FISH SPECIE OF TWO RIVER BASINS

According to folk tradition, Slovenian rivers are sisters that compete in their search for the route to the sea. The Soča and its tributaries flow from the Alps to the Adriatic Sea, and the Sava with its tributaries flow to the Danube Basin and on to the Black Sea. The waters of the Adriatic Sea basin are the home of indigenous species, among which the marble (Soča) trout (Salmo marmoratus), the largest representative of the salmonid species, is particularly of interest. The most typical representative of the Danube River basin is the huchen (Hucho hucho).

No fewer than 93 fish species live in Slovenian waters. 33 species are protected. Approximately 25 fish species are suitable for sports fishing. They are being caught in 12 fishing areas of Slovenia.





Fish & Fly Trio is an attractive new project that challenges fly fishing enthusiasts to catch three indigenous fish species - grayling on the Kolpa River, river trout on the Krka River and marble trout on the Soča River. Fishermen are accompanied on the three-day experience by an experienced fishing guide, and guests are transported from one location to another by helicopter. Along with experiencing each river, fishermen can also taste local delicacies.

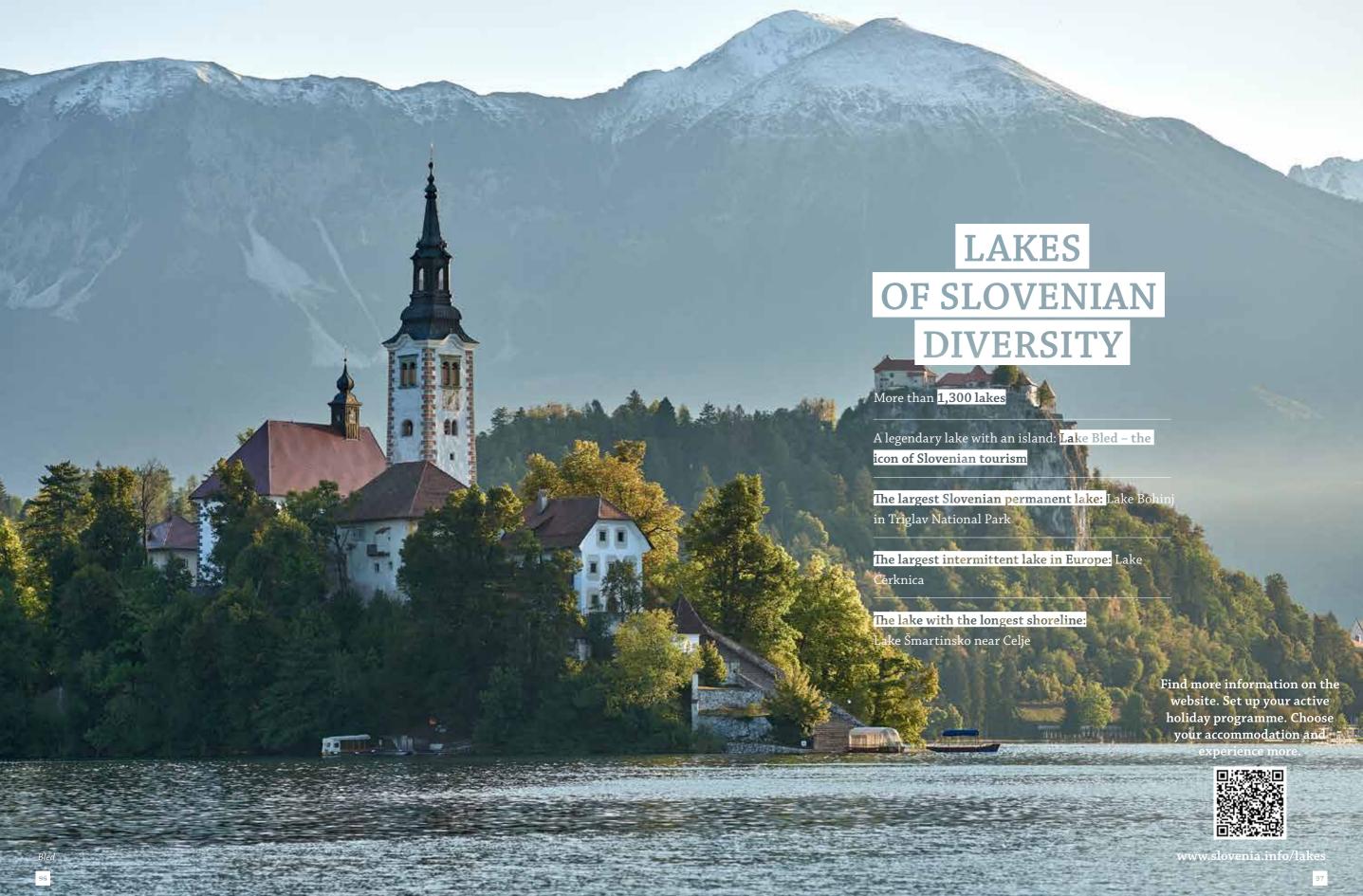
FLY FISHING IN OUTSTANDING SURROUNDINGS

The fly fishing tradition in Slovenia is over 100 years old, and its fly fishing school, which uses cleverly designed artificial lures made by local fishermen, is highly respected worldwide. Fly fishing is the only permitted means of fishing in certain Slovenian fishing districts. The most scenic fly fishing district is certainly the Soča River with its tributaries such as the Idrijca River. Fishermen attracted to this type of basic hunting are also drawn to the Sava Bohinjka, the Sava Dolinka, the Krka, the Unica, the Reka, the Radovna and numerous other rivers and certain lakes.

Keen fly fishing enthusiasts return to Slovenia for huchen, the king of Slovenian waters. The most suitable rivers for catching huchen are medium-sized rivers like **the Sora**, **the Savinja**, **the Kolpa and the Sava Bohinjka**. Slovenian rivers are an excellent choice for fishermen going after cyprinids (chub, barbel, cactus roach, carp) and pike that are caught by using streamer

CATCHING CARP IN LAKES AND RIVERS

The largest carp caught in Slovenia weighed more than 34 kilograms. It's possible to catch large fish in Slovenian lakes and rivers almost all year long, the exceptions being during spawning season and when the surface is frozen. In addition to Lake Šmartinsko near Celje, where the record-sized carp was caught, other notable fishing districts include Lake Vogršček near Nova Gorica, Lake Slivnica near Šentjur, Lake Gajševci near Ljutomer and several other lakes, ponds and gravel-pit ponds. The best rivers for catching carp are the Ljubljanica, the Krka, the Pivka, the Vipava and the Sava.





LAKES FOR PLEASANT RECREATION

The lakes, which attract swimmers with their beaches and waters, also frequently feature water sports centres that lease a variety of sports equipment for relaxation and recreation. You can SUP, surf, row, play beach volleyball, football and basketball or engage in golf and other sports. Walking, hiking and cycling trails are often found in the vicinity of lakes. There are also guided programmes for different activities and extraordinary experiences on or by the water. Opportunities for pleasant recreation can be found at Lake Cerknica (when it is full), Lake Zbilje with its popular boathouse near Medvode, Lake Šmartinsko near Celje, where you can find a pontoon bridge across the water surface, Lake Sobota with the Expano Pavilion in Murska Sobota, on Lake Ptuj, which is famous for being a habitat for various birds, a lake next to Most na Soči and many other lakes.



PARKS FOR WATER FUN

Wakeboarding and water skiing, in which cables are used for additional adrenaline-pumping speed, can be enjoyed at the largest sports centre for wakeboarding and water skiing, Wake Park Dooplek near Maribor, where the largest trampoline in Slovenia can also be found in the adjacent water park. The Green Lake Sports and Recreation Centre offers extra water experiences, such as wakeboarding on a 420-metre-long cable and a number of other sports and fun experiences. Fun-packed adventures also await you at Lake Šmartinsko recreational centre near Celje where, in addition to the wakeboard cable, an array of other water activities can be experienced. The majority of parks also cater for beginners.





FASCINATING DIVING SITES

After a diving course on the Slovenian coast, discover the underwater mysteries along the attractive Madona Cape at the end of Piran's Punta, the Fiesa Reef and several other locations. There are relics from the Second World War in the Slovenian sea such as a sunken saboteur boat and the wreckage of a barge and hydroplane. A special diving site is the Underwater Triglav, the deepest point in the Slovenian sea (39.6 metres), which you can visit using specialised diving equipment.



VIEWS FROM SUP AND KAYAK

Beautiful sights on the Slovenian coast can be enjoyed while SUPing. While paddling a SUP and gliding over the sea, you can enjoy the views of Moon Bay in Strunjan and Debeli rtič or simply admire unforgettable sunsets. Attend a SUP course or a guided trip. A SUP board can be leased and delivered to the desired location. Trips with kayaks also provide magnificent views of the coast.

KITESURFING AND ADRENALINE ADVENTURES

Kitesurfing, windsurfing, water skiing – indulge in these water activities at the Seča Cape near Portorož and on the Lighthouse beach at Petelin Cape near Izola. Lease the equipment in Portorož, sign up for a kitesurfing or windsurfing course or attend hydrofoil racing practice sessions.

SEAFISHING

Fishing from a boat, you can catch garfish, gilt-head sea bream, or the common pandora, and if you venture to the open sea you can even try to land the Atlantic mackerel and the common dolphinfish. During the colder weather, fishermen on the shore can successfully catch squid, cuttlefish and whiting, and also sea bass at the mouths of rivers and canals. A daily or weekly permit is needed for recreational boat fishing, but a permit is not required for recreational shore fishing.

A PLEASANT WIND IN YOUR SAILS

Sailing has a long tradition in Slovenia. A well-developed infrastructure enables the organisation of regattas, the dissemination of knowledge via sailing schools, the lease of equipment and even sailing trips. Favourable winds blow along the Slovenian coast and the best sailing conditions are from April to the end of June and between September and mid-November. The largest Slovenian regatta is organised annually in Portorož. More than 500 sailors compete at the Easter Regatta for the Optimist Class.





RELIABLE INFORMATION SOURCES

When planning active experiences, make sure you obtain suitable information before setting out. Check information at the national web portal www.slovenia.info, specialised web portal for outdoor activities www.slovenia-outdoor.com, and on destination web portals. For more specific information, visit the tourist information centres that you can find all over Slovenia.

Regarding local conditions, consult with the experts in the reception offices of accommodation facilities and directly with tourist experience providers. Enjoy your activities safely and responsibly.



CHOOSE YOUR STARTING POINT

All types of outstanding accommodation facilities located in the direct vicinity of outdoor recreational venues can be found in green, active and healthy Slovenia. Choose a hiking or cycling accommodation facility, a camp or glamping site in nature, a room or an apartment in a family or boutique hotel, an overnight stay in a mountain hut, or a break at a tourist farm. Facilities equipped with the Slovenia Green label deserve your special attention because they meet the demanding international standards of sustainable development.

Choose your accommodation:

www.slovenia.info/accommodation

www.slovenia-outdoor.com

BE MINDFUL OF CONDITIONS AND YOUR OWN ABILITIES.

Whatever activity you choose, be mindful of your fitness level. Choose activities that suit your knowledge, experience and physical abilities. Before venturing outdoors, check the weather and other conditions.

The publication is of an informative nature only. When outdoors, you are solely responsible for your own safety. Let's behave responsibly towards ourselves and others.

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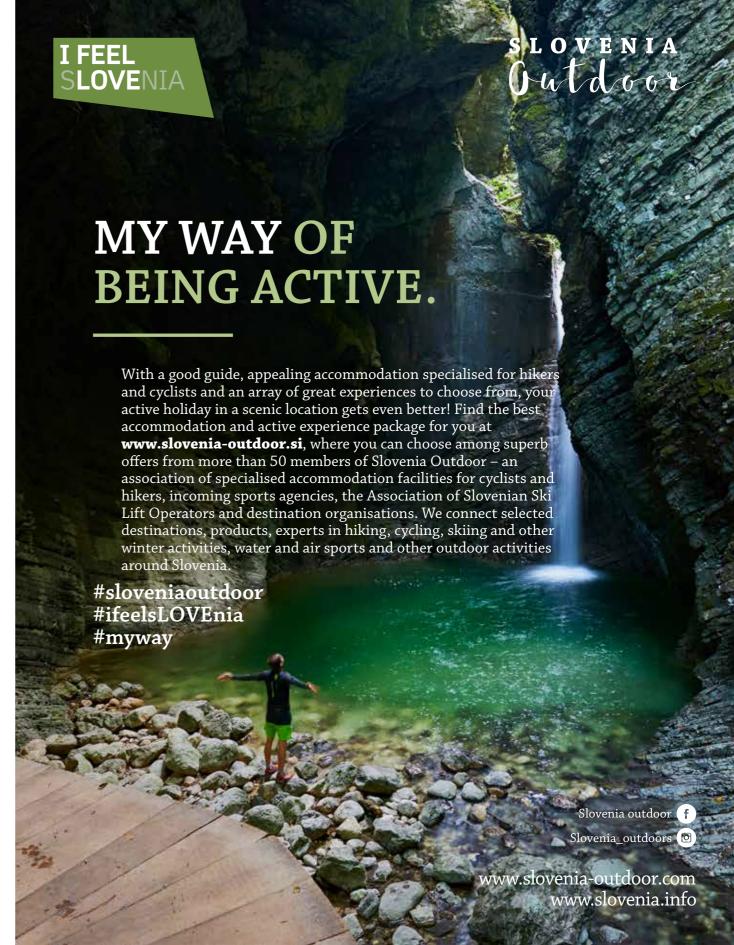
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