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Please do check if you need a visa for Slovenia!

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SLOVENIA

SLOVENIA YOUR HOST COUNTRY

Slovenia is a relatively small country, half the size of Switzerland, tucked into a mountainous corner between Austria, Italy, Hungary, Croatia, and the Adriatic Sea. Everything in Slovenia is in abundance: the majestic Alps with their glacial valleys, rivers, and lakes, plenty of forests, mysterious underground caves, the warm Adriatic. From the steep slopes of the Alps, the world of olives and vineyards can be reached in less than three hours. Slovenia's natural features and cultural and historical sites offer plenty of options for an enjoyable holiday.

You can explore the underground world of grottoes, walk in the clean mountain air of the Triglav National Park, climb the peaks of the Julian Alps, admire medieval treasures of old cities and towns and enjoy their museums, concerts, international festivals, fairs, and events, or play on spectacular golf courses. Try your luck in casinos, enjoy the culinary arts and wines of Slovenia.

The contrasts of Slovenia's landscape surprise first-time visitors, all within the country's 20,273 square kilometres. About fifty kilometres from the capital, Ljubljana, lie the Julian Alps, where fairy-tale Lake Bled glistens; the Postojna Caves, the largest in Europe, are 35 minutes' drive from the capital on a modern expressway; and Portorož, a sunny seaside resort, is just 100 kilometres from Ljubljana.



Slovenia in brief

Area	20,256 km ²
Forest area	60 %
Population	2 million
Capital	Ljubljana (population 330 000)
Language	Slovene
Religion	Roman Catholic (82 %)
Political system	Multiparty Parliamentary Democracy
GDP (2002)	10 000 EUR per capita

For further information about Slovenia visit: <http://www.slovenia-tourism.si/?home=0&lng=2>

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT LJUBLJANA

LJUBLJANA YOUR HOST CITY

Ljubljana, attractive medieval capital of the Republic of Slovenia, is very cosmopolitan. The city is dominated by an ancient castle and adorned with baroque churches and classical public buildings. The city has a unique market place and an attractive artistic life, especially in the domain of the performing arts; an international festival is held here every summer.

The Ljubljana Philharmonic Society was founded in 1702 and has the honour of having Beethoven as an honorary member. Nowadays cultural events and performances take place also in the Slovene National Theatre, in several other theatres, at the Opera House, at Cankarjev dom (Cultural and Congress Centre), in open-air summer stages and courtyards of the historic town.

Ljubljana is a good starting point for excursions and travel around the country: to Postojna caves, to the lakes Bled and Bohinj, to Lipica, where famous white Lippizaner horses are born, to Slovene wine routes and vineyards, producing wines since Roman times, to skiing resorts at one hour distance, etc. So make Ljubljana your base and explore all the attractions of Slovenia, since there are hotels of all categories available.

For further information about Ljubljana visit: http://www.ljubljana-tourism.si/index.cgi?set_lang=us or http://www.slovenia-tourism.si/?_ctg_regije=11&lng=2.

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CANKARJEV DOM (CD) - YOUR CONGRESS VENUE

The driving force behind the Ljubljana city's culture, art, and congress activities is Cankarjev dom, a multi-purpose centre with some 36,000 m² of event space. It was opened in 1980 and can accommodate up to 5,000 visitors altogether at the same time in the halls providing seating for as few as 20 and up to as many as 1,600 visitors. It also offers 3,800 m² of exhibition space, and has banquet facilities for a maximum of 1,200 guests. Annually nearly 250 national and international congresses and convention-related events are hosted.

The Cankarjev dom Cultural and Congress Centre is located in the very centre of Ljubljana within walking distance of all major hotels, shops, restaurants and main sights in the city.

Web site: http://www.cd-cc.si/_Cankarjev_Dom/english
CD Congress Agency: http://www.cd-cc.si/_Cankarjev_Dom/kongres/uk_index.php

LOCAL INFORMATION

www.matkurja.com/eng/country-info

Climate and clothing

Ljubljana has a central European climate. The weather is generally pleasant in the beginning of June, with an average daily temperature of 24 °C, and possible maximum temperatures around 30 °C. Anyway, a jacket is advisable for the cooler evenings. Please do not forget your umbrella and raincoat, as it is possible to get rainfall.

Currency and Banking

The Slovene currency is the SIT (Slovene Tolar). 1 EUR is approximately equivalent to 238 SIT. Unlimited amounts of foreign currency in cash, cheques etc. may be brought into the country and need not to be declared on entry.

Foreign currency may be exchanged at banks, exchange offices, travel agencies, hotels, and the airport and railway stations. All major credit cards, such as MasterCard/Euro card, Visa, American Express etc., are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

Banknote dispensers-ATM (Automatic Transaction Machines)

Banknote dispensers, which enable cash withdrawal by credit cards, are situated at main banks in Ljubljana and at the Ljubljana Airport (Brnik) as well. The nearest banknote dispenser to the Congress Centre is at the main entrance to Maximarket department store which is located 50 metres from the congress centre. Cash may be withdrawn with the following credit cards: Visa, Euro card/MasterCard and American Express.

Local transportation

Regular transport services in Ljubljana function from 05:00 hours to 23:00 hours. Bus fares are paid by cash on buses or by plastic tokens (žeton) available at a reduced price in the Post Office. All bus fares are identical in payment regardless of the distance travelled.

Taxis

A taxi service is available day and night.
Taxis may be booked by telephoning: 9700, 9701, and 9702.

Car parking

It is very difficult to find parking in the city centre. We recommend you to use car parking outside the centre and use the bus transport instead. Car parking with limited number of places are available close to the Congress Center in Trg Republike square parking lot at the cost of 12 EURO /day.

Shopping

Most shops in the City Centre are open continuously from 09.00 to 19.00 h and closed on Saturday after 13.00 h.

Electricity

220-230V
- [Outlet](#)

Health insurance

All participants are advised to insure against any medical expenses, accidents and damage to private property, since the Local Organising Committee cannot be held responsible for any such problem.

TRAVEL

How to get to Ljubljana

Ljubljana is easily accessible by all means of transport.

Travelling by plane

- Ljubljana international [Airport Brnik](#), situated 25 km northwest of the city is connected with all major European cities and airports. [Adria Airways](#) is the Slovene national air carrier that has links and associations with British Airways, Lufthansa, Austrian Airlines, Air France, Air Italia and other major international airline carriers.
- For intercontinental flights we recommend a connected flight via Frankfurt, Munich, Zurich, Vienna, London, or Paris.

Transfer from Airport to Ljubljana

Taxi and public transport (bus) from Ljubljana Airport to the City is regularly available on a daily basis. Approximate price for taxi is about 30 to 40 EUR and for bus transfer 5 EUR per person (+386 41 792 865).

Other neighbouring international airports

Austria (Klagenfurt, 79 km or Graz, 160 km)

Croatia (Zagreb, 135 km)

Italy (Trieste, 120 km)

Travelling with the low fares Airlines (Ryanair, Go, Easy jet ...)

The closest airports to Ljubljana are Graz, Klagenfurt, Trieste and Venice.

Travelling by train

Ljubljana can be reached by train from all major European cities via Munich, Vienna, Graz, Zagreb, Trieste and Budapest.

Travelling by motorway

From the North: Austria - Klagenfurt 79 km, Graz 160 km, Vienna 387

Germany - Munich 390 km

From the East: Hungary - Budapest 491 km

From the Southeast: Croatia - Zagreb 135 km

From the West: Italy - Trieste 90 km, Venice 220 km, Milan 520 km