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# Travel Information for Slovenia

## A. Transportation Information

**Ljubljana:** Name and airport code: Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport (LJU) Web: [www.lju-airport.si](http://www.lju-airport.si). The Ljubljana airport, the largest airport in Slovenia, is located 26 km from Ljubljana city center and is well connected by taxi, bus, and shuttle. There are frequent buses from the airport to the Ljubljana main train station. The main bus station and main train station are located next to one another.

### To and From the Airport

**By Taxi:** Taxis are available outside the terminal. Cost of the trip from the airport to the city center is approximately €45 (status 2017) and takes approximately 35 minutes.

**By Bus:** Frequent buses provide a 30-45-minute transfer between the airport bus stop located outside of the arrivals area of the airport to the Ljubljana city center Air Terminal (actually just a bus shelter). Tickets can be purchased on the bus. See [www.ap-ljubljana.si](http://www.ap-ljubljana.si). There is also train transportation to Kranj, expect 15-minute travel time. Timetables can be checked at [www.lju-airport.si](http://www.lju-airport.si).

**By Train:** There is no train service directly from the airport but there are frequent buses running between the airport and the Ljubljana main train station. Check their website for time schedules. [www.slo-zeleznice.si](http://www.slo-zeleznice.si).

**By Shuttle:** MNJ Transfer runs a private door-to-door shuttle. Check the website for times and prices. [www.mnj.si](http://www.mnj.si).

### Other Types of Transportation

**Bus:** The main bus hub is located in Ljubljana. The network of bus stations and stops makes travelling by bus effective; it is possible to reach almost any part of the country within a couple of hours.

**Taxis:** Taxis can easily be found outside airports and train stations. It is good practice to ask for an approximate fare before the ride and pay-meter start. Keep in mind that the cost may vary depending on traffic in the city. You can check the meter to see if the tip-"extra" is being included in the fare.

**Rental Car:** If you decide to rent a car, we suggest arranging this from the U.S. - it's cheaper. Be sure to find out the exact address of the location to pick up your rental car, (preferably at your arrival airport). It's best to make these arrangements in advance. Cars are also available locally, check [www.lju-airport.si](http://www.lju-airport.si)

### Slovenia Train Information

There are regular train connections within all major Slovene towns and one can find several trains a day departing for Munich, Vienna, Venice, Budapest and Zagreb.

## B. Language Tips

## Simple Slovene Phrases

Welcome to Slovenia – Dobrodošli [doh-broh-doh- shlee]

- Yes - Ja
- No - Ne
- Hello - Zxivjo
- Goodbye – Adijo
- So long - Na svidenje
- Good morning - Dobro jutro [doh-broh you-troh]
- Good afternoon - Dober dan [doh-burr dhan]
- Good evening - Dober večer [doh-burr veh- chair]
- Good night - Lahko noč
- Thank you - Hvala
- Thank you very much - Hvala lepa
- You are welcome - Ni za kaj
- Please - Prosim [pro-seem]
- Sorry - Oprostite [o-pro-stee- teh]
- Where is the toilet (bathroom)? - Kje je kopalnica? (Kje je stranišče?)
- I do not understand - Ne razumem [(ne) ra-zoo-mem]
- excuse me - oprostite, prosim - [do-vo-lee-teh mee, pro- seem]
- How do you say this in [English]? - Kako se reče po [slovensko]?
- Do you speak English? - Govorite angleško? –[go-vo- ree-teh an-glesh-ko?]
- English - Angleško
- French – francosko
- German - nemško
- I - Jaz
- We - Mi
- You (singular, familiar) - Ti
- You (singular, formal) - Vi
- You (plural) - Vi
- They - Oni
- Where is...? - Kje je... ?
- How much does it cost? - Koliko to stane?
- Railway station - železniška postaja-
- Airport - letališče
- Pharmacy - lekarna
- Doctor - zdravnik
- Police - policija
- Breakfast - zajtrk
- Lunch - kosilo
- Dinner - večerja
- Menu - jedilnik
- Vegetarian - Vegeterijanec, Vegeterijanka
- Cold - mrzel
- Warm - topel
- A little – Malo
- A lot - Veliko
- White wine - belo vino
- Red wine - rdeče vino
- Beer - pivo
- Bread - kruh
- Coffee - kava
- Tea - caj

- Juice - sok
- Water - voda
- Cheers! - Na zdravje!
- Open - odprto
- Closed - zaprto

## C. How to Dial Telephone Numbers

The International Access Code (IAC) for the US and Canada is 011 and for Slovenia it's 00

The Country Code (CC) for Slovenia is 386 and for the US and Canada it's 1

Area Codes in Slovenia can be various digits in length

Slovenia uses a trunk code, it is 0

To call Slovenia from the US or Canada, dial IAC + CC + LN.

**Example:** The local telephone number for the Museum of Modern Art is (0)- 1 2416 800. The number could also be listed as +386 (0)- 1 2416 800. In both cases, you would dial 011-386-1 2416 800. Cell phones and VoIP allow you to simply enter the plus sign and wireless networks automatically know it is an international call. Notice the Trunk code (0) is dropped when you dial.

To call the US or Canada from Slovenia, dial IAC + CC + LN.

**Example:** The local telephone number of the ExperiencePlus! headquarters in Colorado is 970-484-8489. You would dial 00-1-970-484-8489.

To call Slovenia from another European country, dial IAC + CC + LN.

**Example:** The local telephone number for the Museum of Modern Art is (0)- 1 2416 800. The number could also be listed as +386 (0)- 1 2416 800. In both cases, you would dial 00-386-1 2416 800.

To call Slovenia from within Slovenia, dial LN

**Example:** The local telephone number for the Museum of Modern Art is (0)- 1 2416 800. The number could also be listed as +386 (0)- 1 2416 800. In both cases, you would dial 0-1 2416 800. Unlike the US there is no need to differentiate local and long distance by dialing a 1. Notice that the Trunk Code (0) is dialed.

## D. Eating and Drinking

Hotel breakfasts are continental breakfast–buffets. Usually you will have a choice of a roll with jam, honey, butter, cereal, cheeses, fruit, freshly baked bread, sausages, salami, pate, scrambled eggs, yoghurt, croissants, and hot tea, milk or coffee. As it is served as buffet you will be able to choose what you like.

Slovene cuisine is varied and strongly influenced from its bordering neighbors and from its heritage of Pannonian, Alpine and Mediterranean cultures. Many dishes are simple and hearty using cabbage, beans, potatoes, meats, poultry, fish and seafood, but will vary depending upon the region of Slovenia. Even today, the slaughtering of a pig is a major celebrated event in the countryside from which many various culinary products are made: white klobasa, blood sausage, roasts, stuffed tripe, smoked sausage, salami, ham, bacon, and the highest quality and prized karst pršut (prosciutto). The oldest Slovene dishes are made from flour and groats.

Most pubs (gostilna) will offer some of the following EU designation of origin-protected Slovene dishes: prleška tünka, a product made of minced lard and pork; Ptuj onion, an onion featuring a purple hue along the edge; extra virgin olive oil from the Slovenian Istria region; nanoški sir and tolminc sir, sweet and spicy cow milk cheeses; Kočevje forest honey; šebreljski želodec, high-quality bacon and pork; idrijski žlikrofi, small boiled dumplings filled with potatoes and onions; prekmurska gibanica, an eight-layer pastry using poppy seed, walnuts, apples, raisins, and ricotta as fillings; and belokranjska pogača, a traditional flatbread.

Both wine and beer are an important part of the Slovene cuisine. Herb tea, coffee, milk, and juice is also available. Slovenia's geographic location affords it protection from both the harsh winter climate and from the intense summer heat. The southern foothills of the Alps provide a good micro-climate for viticulture; hence Slovenia's notable wine growing industry.

## E. Hotel Recommendations

### Bled

[Hotel Triglav Bled](http://www.hoteltriglavbled.si/en) (www.hoteltriglavbled.si/en)

Kolodvorska 33, 4260 Bled

[Grand Hotel Toplice](http://www.hotel-toplice.com/) (5 Star) (www.hotel-toplice.com/)

C Svobode 12, 4260 Bled

[Hotel Lovec Best Western Premier](http://www.bestwestern.at/hotels/index_hotel.php?id=78&lang=2) (www.bestwestern.at/hotels/index\_hotel.php?id=78&lang=2)

Ljubljanska Cesta 6, 4260 Bled

[Penzion Mayer](http://www.mayer-sp.si/gb/index.html) (www.mayer-sp.si/gb/index.html)

Zeleska c. 7, 4260 Bled

[Garni Hotel Berc](http://www.berc-sp.si/en/the-hotel/) (http://www.berc-sp.si/en/the-hotel/)

Pod Stazo 13, 4260 Bled

### Ljubljana

[Hotel Allegro](http://www.allegrohotel.si/?lang=en) (www.allegrohotel.si/?lang=en)

Gornji trg 6, 1000 Ljubljana

[Ahotel Hotel Ljubljana](http://www.ahotel.si/) (www.ahotel.si/)

Cesta Dveh Cesarjev, 34 D Ljubljana 1000

Hotel [Hotel Galleria](http://www.hotelgalleria.eu) Galleria ([www.hotelgalleria.eu](http://www.hotelgalleria.eu))

Gornji trg 3, Ljubljana 1000

[Central Hotel](http://www.centralhotel.si/) (www.centralhotel.si/)

Miklosiceva 9, Ljubljana 1000

## F. Reading and Movie List

### Literature on Slovenia

- *Slovenia 1945: Memories of Death and Survival after World War II* by John Corsellis and Marucs Ferrar. A moving diaspora story of WWII. The authors called on research from Slovene migrant communities worldwide for their stories.
- *Memoirs of a Doctor: From Slovenia to Switzerland to New York City* by Silvester Lango MD. A collection of stories, anecdotes and historical knowledge told by a Slovene orthopedic surgeon living in the US since 1972. He remembers the ravages of his war-torn home country while trying to pursue his medical studies and training.
- *History in Exile: Memory and Identity at the Borders of the Balkans* by Pamela Ballinger. The author examines the political and cultural context of the historical consciousness formed from the exile of 350,000 ethnic Italians from the border zone between Italy and Yugoslavia, known as the Julian March.
- *To Walk with the Devil: Slovene Collaboration and Axis Occupation, 1941-1945*, by Gregor J. Kranjc. This is the first English language book about the Slovene-Axis collaboration during WWII. It covers why so many Slovenes when faced with possible extermination collaborated with the invaders from Germany, Hungary and Italy.
- *Angels Beneath the Surface*, edited by Mitja Cander and Tom Priestly is a collection of contemporary short stories (1990 – 2005) by Slovene writers.
- *I'll Calm the Horses* is a book of poetry by Tone Skrjanec. A small number of books were printed in 2010 by Ugly Duckling Press and it appears to be out of print, but perhaps one could stumble upon a copy.

## Movies About or Set in Slovenia That We Have Enjoyed

- *Kekec* (1951) by director Joze Gale is a Venice International Film Festival award winner in the youth adventure genre.
- *Dobro morje* (1956). The Valley of Peace is a war drama Cannes Film Festival best actor nomination.
- *Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*. Parts of the movie were filmed in the Soca River region of Slovenia.
- *Porno Film* (2000). A comedy about Charley and his 3 fiends that decide to make the first porno movie made in Slovenia. Charley, who has watched porn since he was a kid, considers himself the best choice for director; and one of the friends runs a brothel—the perfect place to find their female movie stars. However, things go wildly wrong when Charley's friend falls in love with one of the girls and when the girls' former pimp shows up wanting his girls back.
- *No Man's Land* (2001). One Bosnian and one Serb soldier, both wounded, find themselves together in the trench between their fighting lines considered to be no man's land. The story continues to get complicated when a mine ready to detonate is found under another wounded soldier. Can the men wave the white flag of truce and cooperation in order to be saved?
- *Slovenian Girl* (2009). The story of Alexandra, a student from Krsko, a small town in Slovenia, while she studies English in Ljubljana.
- *Circus Columbia* (2010). Set in the former Yugoslavia, a man returns to Herzegovina with a bounty of cash looking for a new life.
- *The Weight of Chains* (2010). A Canadian documentary that looks at the role that the US, the EU, and NATO played in the breakup of Yugoslavia. It includes rare footage never before seen by western audiences.
- *The Parade* (2011). While gay activists are planning a Pride parade in the year 2011 in the midst of a strong homophobic climate, a Serbian gangster sacrifices himself to protect gay rights and freedom in his country.
- *Sladke sanje* (2001) Sweet Dreams. A story of 13-year-old Egon, growing up against the back drop of the emergence of rock and roll in 1970's Slovenia.
- *Kruh in mleko* (2001) A very internationally successful Slovene film that delves into the social ills of alcoholism.
- *Zadnja večerja* (2001) A comedy about two people that break out of an insane asylum with a video camera and a plan to shoot a movie.

\* We also have a page devoted to Austria, where the Slovenia Lakes tour begins. You can access the Austria travel information page [here](#).

## G. Other Travel Resources

If you'd like to explore more transportation options, we find that <https://www.rome2rio.com/> is a helpful resource.