



## VISIT

- Ljubljana Castle • Triple Bridge • Central Market • Dragon Bridge • National and University Library • Museums Quarter • Miklošičeva Cesta • Tivoli Park • Fužine Castle • Barje Wetland

## EXPERIENCE

- Explore the oldest archaeological remains in the city, the legacy of Roman Emona.
- Visit the dragons on the Dragon Bridge and take a selfie with them.
- Paddle down the river Ljubljanica on a stand-up paddleboard.
- Ride the environmentally friendly Urban train.
- Cool down in the shade of one of the oldest botanical gardens in Europe.
- Take part in a workshop at the Zoo.
- Have fun in a prison – today converted into the clubs and bars of Metelkova.
- Run the Ljubljana Marathon.
- Treat yourself to a portion of frogs' legs and a glass of craft beer.

## FEEL LIKE A LOCAL

- Sign up for the Bikelji bike share scheme and explore Ljubljana by bike.
- Take a relaxing stroll through Tivoli Park or climb hills like Rožnik and Šmarna Gora.
- Buy local produce or treat yourself to a snack at the central market.
- Sit down for a coffee in one of the many bars lining the banks of the Ljubljanica.
- Watch a sporting or cultural event.
- Visit at BTC, a city within the city.
- Come back to Ljubljana in December. Wrap up warm and watch Grandfather Frost's procession and listen to an open-air concert over a glass of mulled wine or mead.



## LJUBLJANA RELAXES AND INSPIRES

Its distinctive and attractive cityscape makes Ljubljana among the most beautiful cities in Europe. Picturesque architecture is complemented by numerous green areas and the river Ljubljanica, lined by a variety of bars and restaurants offering a wide range of food and drink.

Although Ljubljana is a fast-paced and modern capital city with an old soul, it has a relaxing, inspiring and youthful vibe. Thanks to an inexhaustible and diverse choice of events and happenings, it is a destination for the whole year. Incurable romantics, passionate lovers of art and culture, tireless seekers of gourmet experiences, fervent sports and recreation enthusiasts, avid adventurers – all will have a terrific time in Ljubljana.



## LEGEND OF THE FOUNDATION OF LJUBLJANA

Legend has it that Ljubljana was founded by Jason, the hero of Greek mythology who stole the golden fleece from King Aëtes and then fled aboard the Argo with his comrades, known as the Argonauts, across the Black Sea and up the Danube and the Sava until they reached the Ljubljanica. There they dismantled their ship in order to carry it overland to the Adriatic coast, where they rebuilt it and set sail back to Greece. Before Jason and the Argonauts reached the source of the Ljubljanica, they came across a great lake and, next to it, a marsh, where Jason encountered a terrible monster, which he fought and killed. That monster was the Ljubljana dragon, which today lives atop the castle tower on the Ljubljana coat of arms.



## A GREEN CITY OF CULTURE AND CUISINE

Ljubljana is a pleasant and vibrant city known above all for its rich cultural and artistic life, its excellent and varied cuisine and its efforts for sustainable development, which are reflected in the numerous green areas and good living conditions. All this gives Slovenia's capital a friendly appearance, thanks to which it has earned itself the informal title of a "city on a human scale" and the formal title of European Green Capital 2016. Ljubljana has also won two European Smart Tourism Awards: in the Sustainability category in 2018 and in the Digitalisation category in 2019.



## THE LJUBLJANA OF JOŽE PLEČNIK

Between the 1920s and the 1940s, the architect Jože Plečnik transformed Ljubljana into a "total work of art" through bold urban planning measures and remarkable architectural creations. This can be seen above all in the city centre, where the Triple Bridge, the central market and the National and University Library are greatly admired, but Plečnik's other masterpieces such as the chapels of rest at Žale cemetery, the church of St Francis of Assisi and the church of St Michael on the Marsh also deserve attention.



## THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING EVERY DAY IN LJUBLJANA

Culture, art, tradition, cuisine and sport are the main themes of the more than 10,000 events hosted by the city every year, at least 1,000 of them outdoors. It all begins and ends with the festive market and accompanying events, while a range of festivals take place throughout the year. Among the most popular are: the Ljubljana Festival, the Jazz Festival, June in Ljubljana, Summer in the Old Town, the Ana Desetnica International Street Theatre Festival, the International Biennial of Graphic Arts (one of the oldest biennial festivals of this type in the world), and the Ljubljana International film Festival. This wide range of festivals is complemented over the course of the year by Cankarjev Dom (Slovenia's most important cultural and convention centre), Ljubljana Opera House (where you can also see ballet) and numerous theatres.



## VISITING MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Ljubljana's museums house the most significant proofs of human creativity and technological progress. Don't miss seeing the oldest musical instrument in the world – a 60,000-year-old Neanderthal flute at the National Museum – and the world's oldest wooden wheel with an axle (5,200 years old) at the City Museum. The rich collection of works by Slovene impressionists is the biggest attraction at the National Gallery, while the Museum of Modern Art contains works by leading artists of the twentieth century. While exploring the city's rich history of artistic heritage, you should also visit the museum complex on Metelkova, and contemporary art and creativity exhibited in Cukrarna Gallery and ROG Center.



## NOTHING BUT GOOD FOOD IN LJUBLJANA

Ljubljana boasts great food and a rich culinary heritage. Look for restaurants with the Taste Ljubljana symbol and discover the diverse dishes that have been shaping the tastes of the people of Ljubljana and their guests for centuries. These dishes are complemented by a good selection of Slovenian wines and craft beers.

One special feature of Ljubljana's culinary scene is the central market. One of the biggest draws here, besides the wealth of local produce, is the popular Open Kitchen event that takes place every Friday from spring until autumn and attracts all who are keen to explore new flavours. A wide variety of producers and suppliers from Ljubljana and the surrounding area are present at the event.



## GUIDED TOURS

Regular guided tours of the city are organised for individual visitors and offer the opportunity to see various sights; from a tour of the Old Town, with a visit to Ljubljana Castle, to bicycle tours, food tours, wine tours, beer tours and fun tours for families. More information at: [www.visitljubljana.com](http://www.visitljubljana.com).

Groups and individuals can book tours with licensed city guides by writing to [guidedtours@visitljubljana.si](mailto:guidedtours@visitljubljana.si).



## DISCOVER LJUBLJANA'S SURROUNDINGS

Ljubljana's unique geographical position puts the world at your fingertips: other towns, regions and even countries are only a short and picturesque journey away. Ljubljana is an excellent base from which to set off on new and different adventures.

### A TASTE OF LIFE IN A CASTLE

Take tea with Count Rihard Blagaj at Polhov Gradec Manor or visit Bogenšperk Castle, one of the most beautiful in Slovenia, with Baroness Anna Maximiliana Valvasor.

### BREATHE IN NATURE

The Ljubljansko Barje Nature Park is a colourful patchwork of meadows and fields with the occasional low hill topped by a little church. This idyllic landscape on the edge of Ljubljana is ideal for cycling and walking and is also popular with birdwatchers and other wildlife enthusiasts.

### THE MOST VISITED BOTANICAL PARK IN SLOVENIA

Admirers of flora and fauna will love the colours of the Volčji Potok Arboretum.

### KRVAVEC SUMMER PARK

Offers various activities including downhill runs with a mountain go-kart, monster roller (a kind of giant scooter) or mountain bike. After that you can set off along the Dwarf Herdsmen's Trail – a fantasy adventure that will stir your imagination.

### JOIN THE ALPINE HERDSMEN

Ride the cable car up to Velika Planina and discover the traditional culture of Alpine herdsman. Visit their characteristic wooden huts and try žganci (a kind of crumbled porridge or polenta) with sour milk – a traditional dish.



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**URBAN ELECTRIC TRAIN**

Let the Urban electric train carry you through the city in a unique and environmentally friendly manner. It will take you along a circular tourist route past all the city's principal sights. Departs from: Town Hall / Stritarjeva Ulica

**BICIKELJ**

The Bikelj bike share scheme includes more than 80 automatic bike stations located around central Ljubljana. The first hour of use is free of charge, which makes these bikes particularly suitable for short trips.

A weekly subscription to the scheme can be purchased online from the Bikelj website, where you can also sign up for a one-year subscription. For the yearly subscription you will need an Urbana card. www.bikelj.si.

**LA BICICLETTA DI LUBIANA**

Ljubljana Bike is a Ljubljana Tourism project that, from April to the end of October, allows you to hire a bike for two hours or more from the Slovenian Tourist Information Centre.



**KAVALIR**

Travel through the city centre in comfort aboard the Kavalir, a small electric vehicle that offers free transport through pedestrian areas. Three vehicles operate during the summer, while during the winter the service is provided by two closed Kavalir vehicles. Timetable: every day from 6.00 AM to 10.00 PM. T: +368 31 666 331 or +386 31 666 332.

**KEY**

- 1 Sights
- M Museums and galleries
- WC WC
- F Drinking fountains
- River boat stops
- Urban electric train – starting point
- Walking time from the Triple Bridge

**SIGHTS**

- 1 Ljubljana Castle
- 2 Church of the Annunciation (Franciscan Church)
- 3 Triple Bridge
- 4 Prešeren Square
- 5 Town Hall
- 6 Market
- 7 St Nicholas's Cathedral
- 8 Dragon Bridge
- 9 Butchers' Bridge
- 10 Congress Square
- 11 Shoemakers' Bridge
- 12 Nebotičnik
- 13 Križanke
- 14 Ursuline Church
- 15 St James's Church
- 16 Republic Square
- 17 Parliament
- 18 Miklošičeva Cesta (Vienna Secession/Art Nouveau buildings)
- 19 Archaeological parks - Roman Emona
- 20 National and University Library
- 21 University
- 22 Slovenian Philharmonic Hall
- 23 Cankarjev Dom – cultural and convention centre
- 24 Ljubljana Opera House
- 25 Cukrarna Gallery
- 26 Center Rog

**MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES**

- 1 Ljubljana City Museum
- 2 Ljubljana City Gallery
- 3 Jakopič Gallery
- 4 International Centre of Graphic Arts
- 5 Plečnik House
- 6 National Museum and Natural History Museum
- 7 National Gallery
- 8 Museum of Modern Art
- 9 National Museum of Contemporary History
- 10 Museum of Architecture and Design
- 11 Slovene Ethnographic Museum
- 12 National Museum of Slovenia – Metelkova
- 13 Museum of Contemporary Art – Metelkova



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