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When to visit Ljubljana?

It is not easy to decide when the best time to visit Ljubljana is in order to get a feel of the city's life and experience all that it has to offer. Being a modern capital renowned for its cultural life and rich historical legacy, it is worth visiting throughout the year, regardless of the season and weather conditions. But that, of course, does not mean that each of the seasons in Ljubljana does not have peculiarities of its own.

- In winter Ljubljana offers a host of pleasant surprises.
- Spring is a great time to get to know the local people.
- Summers in Ljubljana are characterised by an abundance of cultural events, typical of Central European cities, and a relaxed atmosphere, reminiscent of the Mediterranean.
- A visit to the picturesque Ljubljana in autumn may turn out to be an unforgettable experience.

Ljubljana in summer

During the summer, Ljubljana is characterized by the **abundance of events** typical of Central European cities on the one hand, and an easygoing atmosphere characteristic of the Mediterranean on the other.

The classical face of the city is represented by the international **Ljubljana Festival**, which takes place at the picturesque Križanke Summer Theatre and a host of other venues, bringing together numerous great names of mainstream culture, as well as by the **Summer in Ljubljana Old Town** festival, which features mostly admission-free concerts of classical music taking place in the churches of Ljubljana.

The city's other, more relaxed and often unconventional face, which can be quite appealing to the young, can be seen in the streets and squares, where the events within the **Ana Desetnica** street theatre festival take place, featuring all kinds of artistes and street entertainers from around the world. Another summer event is the **Trnfest** festival with concerts by alternative music groups and performances by artists who push the boundaries of the establishment. And those who love rafting, trekking, cycling or spending time at the sea or health spas, do not need to go far from the city to enjoy themselves.

Ljubljana in autumn

The picturesque setting of Ljubljana in the autumn season offers an experience one may never forget. The autumn is probably the best time to enjoy peaceful walks in the streets of the old city centre and along the picturesque embankments of the **Ljubljanica river**, or to treat oneself to **Ljubljana's traditional dishes** and the rest of the varied culinary delights offered by Ljubljana's restaurants, which serve a variety of dishes of the Balkan, Italian and Central European cuisines, as well as those of the world's more exotic cuisines.

The main cultural events of the autumn season are **the Ljubljana International Film Festival (LIFFE)** and the two biennials, taking turns each year: **International Biennial of Graphic Arts** and **BIO - Ljubljana Biennial of Industrial Design**.

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Only a step away from the city, **beautiful nature**, spectacular **underground caves** with marvellous limestone formations, watermills, churches, roadside chapels, castles, picturesque farm houses and excellent inns offering homemade wine await anyone wishing to get to know the surroundings of Ljubljana.

Ljubljana in winter

During the winter months, Ljubljana offers a variety of surprises. Rather than in the streets, the lively pulse of city life can be felt at **event halls, clubs, pubs** and other interiors. The streets and squares of Ljubljana, on the other hand, are wrapped in a veil of mild mystery.

The façades of the old city centre buildings which you can see if you take a walk in the soft, hazy winter light may conjure up the feeling that all of a sudden you are in a different time and setting. In winter, Ljubljana is a good departure point for **trips to the high mountain skiing resorts**, which are – like everything in Slovenia – surprisingly close at hand.

Ljubljana in spring

During the spring, Ljubljana is a great place for meeting people.

On warm days it is most agreeable to sit at **garden cafés in the old city centre**, whose picturesque architecture is enhanced by the greenery of innumerable trees. In all the periods of the city's history, architects utilized trees, parks and other greenery areas as an indispensable addition to their creations. Also the **natural sights**, many of which still boast practically unspoilt nature, are not far away from the city. To enjoy them, it is enough to visit the immediate surroundings of Ljubljana.

The highlights of the spring season are the start of the **Open Kitchen** food market, **Druga godba** festival of world music and various **outdoor fairs** opening across the city centre.

Before the peak tourist season, the life of the city pulses with a relaxed and leisurely rhythm. Visitors can get acquainted with the city's many faces in peace and quiet, which can nowadays hardly be even imagined in any other European capital.

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