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Koroška may be one of the smaller regions, but it is all the more diverse and picturesque. Its plentiful gems are scattered throughout numerous little towns, villages and the surrounding Alpine valleys stretching far below the mighty mountain peaks. As one of the hilliest and most forested regions in Slovenia, it is marked by white stones and the soft edges of the hills which form its distinctive vista with green woods tones. Koroška is a nature's little secret. The best way to get to know its charms is to feel and experience them actively. It's perfect for hikers and cyclists as they have many options to choose from. Here you can create unlimited combinations for tours up, down, between or even through (literally) the mountain.

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Allow yourself to be tempted by the alluring flow of **THE KOLPA RIVER**

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**Bela krajina**

**Bela krajina with the stunning river Kolpa**  
Welcome to Bela krajina, where anyone looking for some peace and quiet will be able to truly enjoy themselves, under the dreamy birch tree, as well as all of those, who are looking to experience a true joy of wine toasts. The land offers recreational activities, intertwined with ancient folk customs, craftsmanship and traditions. Specially interesting is Kolpa river - the warmest and one of the cleanest rivers in Slovenia. Everything is combined in sustainable tourism, based on the realization, that one can only truly relax in a place, where people open their hearts, as well as their doors.

**Brežice – a small town with a big heart.** A junction of different worlds. Greenery at the confluence of the Sava and Krka, thermal springs, vineyards and rich architectural heritage – this is why Brežice is known to many as the place where different worlds come together. The Brežice municipality lies on a tectonic fault and is extremely rich in thermal springs, which were discovered near the bank of the Sava more than 200 years ago. Thermal springs offer rich possibilities for relaxing and wellness pampering. You can also charge your batteries with outdoor recreation and leisure activities on numerous bike paths and hiking tours into the surrounding hills.

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**FACTS ABOUT SLOVENIA**

Slovenia is where the Alps, the Mediterranean and the Pannonian Plain meet. This small country is known as one of the most naturally diverse and hospitable countries in Europe. After all, the name of the capital city Ljubljana, originated in the warm nickname of "beloved" and the entire country has LOVE embedded in its name.

Capital: **Ljubljana**

Area: **20000 km²**

State border: **1382 km**

Currency: **€ (euro)**

**2 MILLION POPULATION**

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS  
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TOTAL LENGTH OF WATERCOURSES **26600 km**

**58% OF SLOVENIA IS COVERED BY FORESTS**

14% of Slovenia's area is protected as national and regional parks.

Home to **850** endemic animal and plant species.

**VISIT SLOVENIA**

Regardless of the way of travel, Slovenia is easily accessible. When arriving to Slovenia from neighbouring countries, Slovenia is easily accessible by car. Regarding the fact that Slovenia is a member of the EU, crossing the border will have no trouble crossing it. Since Slovenia is a EU country and a member of Schengen area, crossing a border from Austria, Italy and Hungary is completely unhindered, but if you are entering from Croatia you can expect a short wait at the border.

**BEAUTY OF THE LANDSCAPE**

Slovenia has a diverse landscape, from peaks of the Julian Alps to flats of Pannonian Basin and from springs of clean water to the underground world of Karstic caves. Slovenia's climate exhibits a distinctive pattern: the alpine climate in the north-west, submediterranean climate in the coastal part of the country and the continental climate in the rest of the country. The beauty of the landscape comes from the combination of hills and woods. In 2015 forest covered 58 % of Slovenia's territory, making it one of the greenest countries in the world.

Following the speed limits will save you a lot of money, as motorway are frequent and the penalties are high.

Speed limits	Penalty for speeding +21 km/h	Penalty for speeding +41 km/h
50 km/h	250€	500€
60 km/h	250€	500€
70 km/h	80€	250€
80 km/h	80€	250€
90 km/h	80€	250€
100 km/h	80€	250€
110 km/h	80€	250€
120 km/h	80€	125€

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Official language: **Slovenian**

Spoken languages: **Slovenian, English, German, Italian, Croatian, Serbian**

92% of Slovenes speak at least one foreign language

Time zone: **CET**

Mean temperature: **January -2°C July 21°C**

Lowest point: **Rt Madonna - 37m**

Length of coastline **46,6 km**

Population density - **102/per km²**

Total 20078 km of roads and 1207 of railways.

DISTANCES AND TIMES FROM LJUBLJANA

Maribor 130km, 1h 26min	Kranj 36km, 30min
Portorož 118km, 1h 22min	Celje 80km, 53min
Novo mesto 70km, 52min	Bled 53km, 40min

DISTANCES TO LJUBLJANA FROM CITIES IN EUROPE

Berlin 1000km	Budapest 46 km
Paris 1250km	Venice 240km
Vienna 388km	Zagreb 140km

On Slovenian roads it is mandatory to use:

- \* Safety belts for all passengers
- \* Headlights – even during daytime
- \* Helmets for drivers and passengers on all types of motorcycles
- \* Vignettes on all motorways and high-speed roads

**Bela krajina**

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**ACTIVE RECREATION IN THE NATURE & WELLNESS**

Slovenia's scenic landscape provides numerous opportunities for outdoor recreation. In the summer, when the days are longer and temperatures are higher, visitors can enjoy hiking in the Alps, cycling, horseback riding, rafting, canyoning and caving. In the winter Slovenian Alps offer a wide range of opportunities for skiing and snowshoeing. Local tourist offices provide comprehensive information on activities and sporting agencies.

There are 87 natural thermal springs and 15 state verified natural spas and thermal spas in Slovenia. Discover the natural and cultural wealth of each of them and enjoy the hospitality of local thermal spas and all they have to offer.

**RICH CULTURE & ARCHITECTURE**

Architectural styles in Slovenia have been influenced by various stylistic periods, economic, political conditions and cultural influences from abroad. Traditional architecture has always considered locally available building materials and climatic conditions. As a result of historical circumstances, there are varied architectural styles - from the Venetian style of the coastal towns, to the rustic Hungarian-style villages in Prekmurje, wooden huts in the mountains, to the Art nouveau splendours and modern architecture in Ljubljana.

Slovenia offers a rich selection of museums. The oldest museum is Slovenian Museum of Natural History, which dates back to 1821. Visitors may choose between museum that exhibit various themes, from archaeological to technical heritage. Each year, many international and local cultural events and festivals take place in Slovenia. The most recognized events are Ljubljana Summer Festival, Maribor Lent Festival and International Shrovetide Carnival in Ptuj. Most festivals combine culture and music.

**SLOVENIAN CUISINE AND VITICULTURE**

Slovene cuisine is influenced by the diversity of Slovenia's landscape, history and neighbouring cultures, thus resulting in a wide variety of local and regional dishes. The ethnologists divide Slovenian territory into 23 gastronomical regions. The most distinctive dishes are Carniolan sausage, Prekmurska gibanica and Potica.

Viticulture and wine making has been present in Slovenia since the ancient Roman times. Today there are three main wine-growing regions in Slovenia: the Coastal Region, the Lower Sava Valley in the south-eastern part and the Drava Region, in the north-eastern part of Slovenia. Long tradition of viticulture reflects in the production of quality and premium wines.

**BLEED, fairytale lake in the Julian Alps.**

The leading mountain resort in Slovenia with a lake that surrounds a small island with a church built on top and close by, a towering shoreline rock face medieval castle characterizes Bled as one of the most beautiful tourist sites in Europe. It is renowned for its mild, healing climate and thermal lake water. The beauty of the mountains reflected on the lake, the sun, the serenity and the fresh air arouse pleasant feelings in visitors throughout the year, guaranteeing an ideal base or a relaxing break or an active holiday. Bled attracts businessmen, artists, athletes, explorers, sport enthusiasts, the old and the young, from all over the world, enchanting them to return again and again.

**Portorož & Piran are the centre of an incredible part of the Mediterranean.**

On the western coast of the Istrian peninsula, Portorož, a city with a holiday atmosphere, lies in a leeward bay and has a very pleasant climate. The neighbouring ancient city of Piran is one of the most beautiful Mediterranean cities and one of the best preserved historic cities in Europe. The old town center is characterized by the stony narrow streets, compact houses, historical and religious buildings, beautiful Venetian palaces, lively squares, numerous museums and galleries, ancient town walls and delicious restaurants. The whole area is a string of natural attractions and cultural sights, all lined up along only a few kilometers. This small piece of Istria awaits you with countless experiences.

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