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FROM LJUBLJANA ... TO MAJOR EUROPEAN CITIES

Bled	55 km	Lipica	86 km	Budapest	462 km
Bohinj	82 km	Maribor	130 km	Venice	249 km
Bovce	131 km	Murška Soba	179 km	Belgrade	539 km
Celje	79 km	Nova Gorica	107 km	Dubrovnik	640 km
Črna onjava	93 km	Novo mesto	72 km	Vienna	375 km
Iđrija	60 km	Portorož	121 km	Milan	405 km
Kobarid	118 km	Postojna	55 km	Munich	408 km
Koper	107 km	Ptuj	132 km	Prague	649 km
Kranj	30 km	Škofja Loka	30 km	Zagreb	134 km

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GREEN WEEKEND

For anyone who enjoys a green fairy-tale. Let the nature of Slovenia refresh you.

ACTIVE HOLIDAYS

For anyone who loves to exercise in nature. Fill your lungs with green!

HEALTHY EXPERIENCE

For anyone who likes to be pampered. Indulge in the touch of water and the tastes of Slovenia.

DAY 1 GREEN WALK.
 Conquer all shades of green in a special type of relaxation in Slovenia. Set out around the capital of Ljubljana and other major towns, Triglav National Park, the regional and landscape parks or nature reserves on foot.

DAY 1 ENERGY OF A SPORTS FESTIVAL.
 Slovenia is a country of outstanding sports achievements. At international competitions it is frequently one of the countries with the most medals per capita. Experience the unforgettable atmosphere at Slovenian sports festivals and events in all seasons.

DAY 1 FAVOURABLE TOUCH OF WATER.
 Slovenian natural spas invigorate you with thermal, mineral and salt water. At the seaside your senses are pampered by the Mediterranean climate, mud from salt pans and brine. Bubbles of thermal and mineral water tickle you in Dolenska, Sučanska and Rannja. Take care of your health and energy at state-of-the-art wellness centres with several centuries of spa tradition.

Recommended accommodation: GREEN TOURIST FARMS AND CAMPSITES, VINEYARD COTTAGES



TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC



THE PLEASURES OF SLOVENIA ARE ENDLESS



CULTURE AND FESTIVALS

Arrival by plane
 The strategic location of Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport facilitates landing in the centre of Slovenia, only a few kilometres from the capital. The departure points for transportation are located right in front of the airport building, and offer favourable connections every 30 minutes to your chosen hotel or near stop in Ljubljana. The airports in Maribor and Portorož are available for charter flights.

UNIQUE ACCOMMODATION
 Slovenia is a land of unique accommodation. Dreaming is sweetest in boutique designer hotels in towns or in hostels with original stories. How about a night in an artistically renovated prison cell? In the countryside, you can spend the night in the treptopi, camp in forest huts, drink a toast to bed surrounded by vines or pick fresh breakfast treats on the doorstep of tourist farms.

For lovers of city life and dancing at festivals.

Arrival by train
 Slovenia has international railway connections with neighbouring and other countries. Most trains arrive at the central station in Ljubljana, only a few minutes' walk away from the city centre. All major Slovenian towns may be quickly and comfortably reached from Ljubljana. Certain connections allow for discounts for skiing, swimming or attending an event.

BUSINESS EVENTS AND MEETINGS
 Slovenia is an excellent congress and incentive destination, hosting many international events and meetings. The green heart of Europe is perfect for making and strengthening business and professional connections. Sustainable congress services are coordinated by the Slovenian Convention Bureau.

VIBE OF HISTORICAL TOWNS
 Listen to the vibe of Slovenian towns. Embark on the old Roman road from Ljubljana to Celje and Ptuj. Experience Idrja - the oldest mining town in Slovenia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Slovenian Archaeology Centre in Novo mesto is devoted to Iron Age. The medieval centres of Kranj, Škofja Loka and Radovljica are wonderfully preserved. The growth of Piran and Koper on the coast was driven by Venetian traditions.

Arrival by bus or car
 Slovenia is easily accessible from all neighbouring countries. Road connections and the motorway network enable you to drive diagonally across Slovenia in a few hours. Public bus transport is well organised and offers plenty of connections. Urban passenger transport is available in major towns.

CASINO GAMBLING
 Casino gambling in Slovenia has a royal tradition and has become an attractive offer in Slovenian casinos. Test your tactical knowledge and luck in a game of poker or roulette. Live games still attract the greatest attention. Enjoy them in an environment where, day or night, the atmosphere is always the same.

VISITING MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES
 Collections in Slovenian museums and galleries are a real treat for art and cultural heritage lovers. In Ljubljana, you can even find the oldest wheel with an axle in the world, which is over 5200 years old. Experience an interactive exhibition in a town or enter history through the doors of castles scattered across Slovenia. Welcome to the only country in the world with a cultural holiday on 8 February, which is a national holiday dedicated to the greatest Slovenian poet, France Prešeren.

Arrival by water
 The port of Koper houses a ship passenger terminal. From your cruise ship, you can walk in a few minutes' to Slovenian coastal towns and the major tourist attractions of western Slovenia.

SHOPPING
 A shopping trip to Slovenia is well worthwhile. You can enjoy shopping in designer boutiques and shops with hand-crafted products in city centres and in modern shopping centres such as BTC in Ljubljana, the largest shopping, business, entertainment and cultural centre in Europe.

FESTIVAL AND HOLIDAY PLEASURES
 The most popular cultural and ethnological event in Slovenia is Kurentovanje in Ptuj. Holidays in the countryside are based on old customs and traditions; festivals in towns are marked by modern art. Music festivals, whether classical, jazz or modern, are renowned for having some of the longest traditions in Europe. Folk music is special pan-Slovenian phenomenon. Cultural events and street theatre colour Slovenian towns in summer.

Speed limits on roads
 In settlements outside settlements on expressways on motorways
 50 km/h 90 km/h 110 km/h 130 km/h

Mandatory use of vignettes on expressways and motorways. It is possible to buy weekly, monthly or yearly vignettes (half-year for motorcycles).



GOLF
 There are not many countries where you can enjoy almost all 13 golf courses of the Golf Association of Slovenia in a week and feel as if you were in a new green world each time. During the match, golfers can listen to birds in the treptopi and smell meadow flowers.





WINE SLOVENIA

TOURIST MAP OF SLOVENIA

Green. Active. Healthy.

#SLOVENIA



LJUBLJANA

BELOVED

In Slovenian, the name Ljubljana sounds like "jubljena" (meaning beloved). The capital of Slovenia is dear to both its residents and visitors, who may discover it on foot or by bike. Fall in love with the colourful streets of the old city centre and Tivoli Park. Ljubljana is the European Green Capital 2018.

LJUBLJANA EXPERIENCES

Around Ljubljana and the Ljubljana Marshes by bike – push those pedals to get a better feeling of the town. In the middle of the grassland and wetland of the Marshes remnants of a thousand-year-old culture of pile dwellers were discovered and added to the UNESCO list. By boat on the Ljubljana River – take a boat ride under the bridges across the Ljubljana River. Roman Emونا – discover the two-thousand-year-old secrets of Ancient Roman Ljubljana.

TASTES OF LJUBLJANA

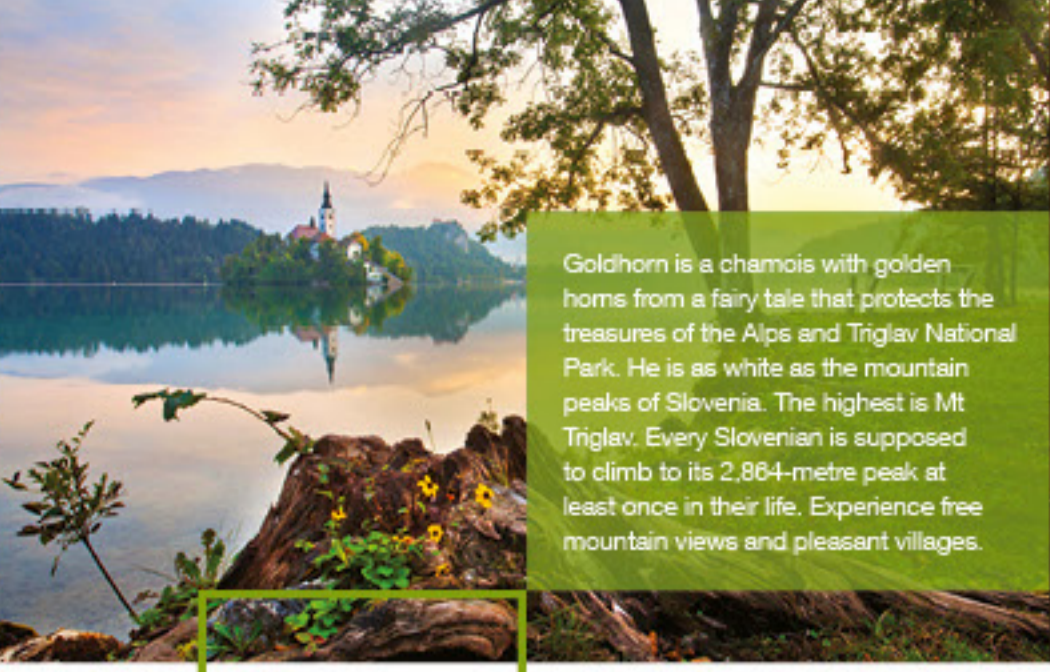
Ljubljana is a gourmets' paradise. Everything begins at the market, which features products from around Slovenia. On Fridays from May to October, the Open Kitchen food market takes place there, with freshly prepared delicacies available from stalls. Typical Ljubljana dishes are marked on restaurant menus marked as 'Tastes of Ljubljana'. The Slovenian cheese of love called Trški from Kamnik makes a lovely gift.

LJUBLJANA'S BEAUTIES

Plačnik's Ljubljana and the Triple Bridge – the Slovenian architect Jože Plečnik designed the character of 20th century Ljubljana. The Triple Bridge is the central meeting place in Ljubljana. Dragon Bridge – the symbol of the town and of mythical roots related to the legend of the Argonauts. Ljubljana Castle – from the medieval fortress high above the town, Ljubljana can be seen as clear as day.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Art Market – May to October. Ana Desevina Street Theatre Festival – June and July. Ljubljana Festival – July and August. Ljubljana Jazz Festival – July. Ljubljana Marathon – October. LIFE – Ljubljana International Film Festival – November. Festivo Ljubljana – December.



THE ALPS

PROTECTED BY GOLDHORN

Goldhorn is a chamois with golden horns from a fairy tale that protects the treasures of the Alps and Triglav National Park. He is as white as the mountain peaks of Slovenia. The highest is Mt Triglav. Every Slovenian is supposed to climb to its 2,864-metre peak at least once in their life. Experience free mountain views and pleasant villages.

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES

Mountaineering and the Slovenian Mountain Trail – embark on an adventure in the Slovenian Alps alone or with experienced guides. Zipline and water sports on the Soča River – enjoy the views while descending with a zipline and then drift down the most emerald of Alpine rivers. Walk of peace from the Alps to the Adriatic Sea – a hundred years have passed since World War I and the Iron Curtain. The Walk of Peace links this heritage in the midst of the pristine nature, from where you can see mountains and the sea at the same time.

TASTES OF GORENJSKA

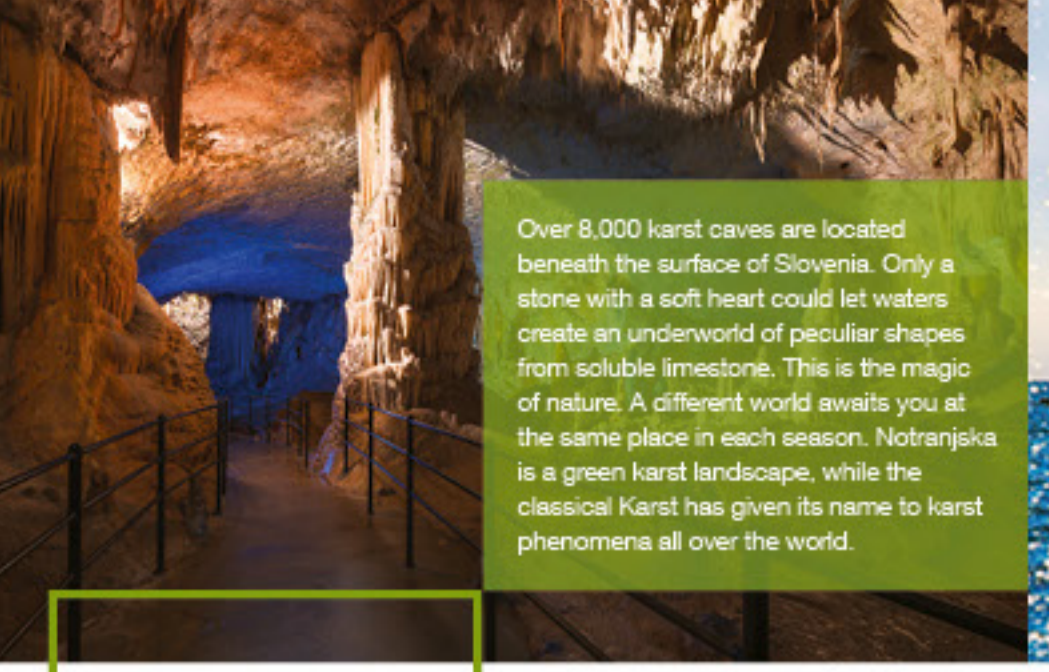
When in Bled, try the cream cakes, a famous confection that has been prepared for over 60 years, or treat yourself to the Slovenian nut roll on Bled Island. Radovljica is also genuinely sweet because of its honey and Chocolate Festival. Traditionally produced dairy products from the Soča Valley and Bohinj cheese will melt in your mouth. Štruklji are mandatory in Kobarij by the Soča River.

GREATEST ATTRACTIONS

Bled and Vintgar Gorge – the icon of Slovenian tourism invites you for a ride with a pletna boat to the island in the Alpine lake. The pristine landscape of the gorge with its marvellous waterfall is nearby. Lake Bohinj – the largest natural lake in Slovenia, at the heart of the Triglav National Park, reflects the high Julian Alps like a mirror. Kranjska Gora – one of Slovenia's best-known summer and winter sports centres.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Vitranc Cup and ski flying in the Planica Valley – March in Kranjska Gora. International Wild Flower Festival – June in Bohinj. Soča Outdoor Festival – July in Tolmin. Okarina World Music Festival – Bled in July and August. Festival of Early Music, Radovljica – August. Hiking Festival – September and October in the Soča Valley. Biathlon on Pohljuka Plateau – December.



KARST STONE

WITH A SOFT HEART

Over 8,000 karst caves are located beneath the surface of Slovenia. Only a stone with a soft heart could let waters create an underworld of peculiar shapes from soluble limestone. This is the magic of nature. A different world awaits you at the same place in each season. Notranjska is a green karst landscape, while the classical Karst has given its name to karst phenomena all over the world.

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES

By train through Postojna Caves – take a ride through the most visited tourist cave in Europe with 21 km of passages, galleries and halls. The underground kingdom, where a live nativity scene is arranged each year, is home to the unique olm. Performance of the Lipica Classical Riding School – admire the world-famous Lipizian, one of the noblest breeds of horse; they are born black, but grow up white. The renowned European stud farm has been breeding these horses since the 16th century.

TASTES OF THE KARST

Two Slovenian specialties – Karst prosciutto ham and Teran wine – are a beautifully tuned culinary couple. You can taste them everywhere; the merriest time to try them is the Teran and Prosciutto Festival in Duplevje in summer. If you are blown at by the bora wind, warm yourself up with a shot of Slovitz from the Btkini Hills or a shot of Brinjevec from Karst.

GREATEST ATTRACTIONS

Pročjama Castle – a castle cut into rock hides the sea air on the picturesque cycling route which takes its name from the former Istrian narrow-gauge railway between Trieste and Port. Swimming in Moon Bay in Strunjan – take a walk from the top of the highest tchycliff in the Adriatic to a beach under an 80 m cliff. Pampering in Portorož – indulge in wellness and the ancient sea rich in minerals which flows into pools from a well deep under the surface.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Cerknica Carnival – February in Cerknica. Carnival is here – February in Ilirska Bistrica. Lavender Festival – June in Komen on Karst. Car Drivers festival with horse yokes and a display of old crafts – July in Postojna. Live nativity scene – December in Postojna Cave.



SLOVENIAN ISTRIA

SALTY LOVE

Kisses that smell of salt are the most delicious. Slovenia's 46 km coast is full of romantic seaside towns. Medieval Piran, which owed its development to the salt-making tradition, is the most picturesque. Take a walk around the Sečovlje Salt pans and taste the precious flower of salt. Alternate salty pleasures with sweet ones and experience a rainbow of flavours – especially fish, olive oil and wine.

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES

By bike along the Porečanka route – enjoy the sea air on the picturesque cycling route which takes its name from the former Istrian narrow-gauge railway between Trieste and Port. Swimming in Moon Bay in Strunjan – take a walk from the top of the highest tchycliff in the Adriatic to a beach under an 80 m cliff. Pampering in Portorož – indulge in wellness and the ancient sea rich in minerals which flows into pools from a well deep under the surface.

TASTES OF PRIMORSKA

Satisfy your inner gourmet with a sea bass from Piran, where this prized fish is farmed with healthy nutrition. Experience the Istrian tradition at the osmica winners which enable winemakers to host you in their homes and thus sell their surplus wine and meat products. Taste Istrian Whites, green olive oil which is among the best in the world. Satisfy your sweet tooth with chocolate flavoured with the flower of salt.

GREATEST ATTRACTIONS

Sečovlje Salt pans – the most northern salt pans still in operation in the Mediterranean, one of the few salt pans in the world where salt is produced according to recommendations from the 14th century. Piran and its defunct sea wall – salt was the source of prosperity of photogenic Piran, whose beauty comes from its Venetian architecture and the defensive wall, which has now been arranged for hikes. Kopar – a port with one of the most beautiful Venetian squares, and a passenger terminal for cruise ships.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Connecting Salt pans Run – March in Seča Salt pans Festival – April in Piran. Interamantica Boat Show – May in Portorož. Olive, Wine and Fish Feast – June in Izola. Isola Cinema International Film Festival – August in Izola. Sweet Istria International Festival – September in Koper.



I FEEL SLOVENIA



FORESTS

Slovenia is the European country with the most forests and waters. Over 22,000 animal and plant species live in an area of just over 20,000 km². Almost 30,000 watercourses provide freshness throughout the year. Join the "Renew Slovenia's Forests" campaign and feel the green heart of Slovenia!

WEALTH OF SLOVENIAN FORESTS

Ancient woodland in Kočevje – the largest woodland in Slovenia. The dense trees of a humid woodland which has not been affected by humans are extremely tall and thousands of years old. Pohljuka Plateau – the plateau with the largest forest in the Triglav National Park. Pohorje Massif – a coniferous forest with a the scent of fresh resin leads to the peat bogs, wetland with rare plant species and small forest animals.

MAGNIFICENT TREES

Najevnik Lime Tree is over 700 years old, the trunk is over 10 m in diameter, the largest in Slovenia. The tallest trees in the country – the tallest deciduous trees in Slovenian forests are the Deberski beeches, which are 42 m tall. The record holder for coniferous trees is the Sgrem spruce on the Pohorje Massif, which is 62 m tall.

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES

Photo safari – experience the forest through a camera lens and get to know the daily rhythm of forest animals. Forest selfness – relax under tree tops, stretch out on hay and feel clay under your feet in the Cerklje Hills. Timber rafts – board traditional timber rafts. Once used to transport wood, these rafts are now offered for pleasure trips on the Drava, Savinja, Sava and Krka rivers.

FOREST ANIMALS

Brown bear – the king of Slovenia's forests, protected in the 19th century. Between 500 and 700 brown bears currently live in Slovenia. Wild animals – fox, deer, red deer, chamois, ibex, fawns and other forest animals may be so preoccupied with their daily errands that you can get very close to them. Forest birds – you can hear them everywhere, there are almost 100 species living in forests.



WATERS

Thermal and mineral springs can invigorate you as baths or as spring water. Slovenia boasts almost 100 natural thermal springs with water temperatures between 32 and 37 degrees Celsius. Forget about time in one of the fifteen natural spas. Slovenia's centres of health and well-being rank among the best in Europe. For your convenience we have marked them on the map.

HEALING EFFECTS

Thermal water – in central, southern and north-eastern Slovenia. Oil was sought in the 1960s in the Pannonian world, and 800 m below the surface, thermal and mineral wealth was found. Black and paraffin thermal water are a special feature. Mineral water – it feels good as a bath and drink due to its minerals and CO₂. Donat Mg contains the highest amount of magnesium in the world. Radenska became the official mineral water of the Vienna court. Berane and seawater – a true fountain of youth with healing salts and minerals which were favoured by the Romans. Healing body wraps – rejuvenation of the body is facilitated by mixing peloids, organic and inorganic substances from mineral, lake or sea water. Inhaling sea air particles and microclimate – water inhalation in spas opens the respiratory tract, while inhaling sea or mountain air prevents allergies.

HEALTH RESORTS

Treatment and prevention – convalesce in Slovenia's natural health resorts where natural remedies form part of rehabilitative care and preventive healthcare programmes. Medical wellness – enhance your health and let therapists change your lifestyle so that healthy nutrition and exercise come first. Wellness relaxation – soften and invigorate your body. After bathing in mineral-rich thermal waters, enjoy a sauna, massage or mud pack. Selfness or loving yourself – remind yourself of who you are deep down. Commit yourself to loving your own body, soul and mind. Fun for the whole family – treat your toddlers to thermal pleasures in water parks featuring animations, water slides, slow rivers and waves.



CHEERS

In Slovenia, the way to the heart is through the stomach. How could it not be, when something fresh grows everywhere. Almost every Slovenian family grows vegetables and fruit in their gardens. Enjoy a kaleidoscope of flavours in 24 gastronomic and 14 wine-growing regions. Slovenian chefs are inspired by their love for the local environment. Dober tek! (Bon appetit!)

WINE STORIES

Slovenia is a European wine map in miniature. Marilbor is even home to the oldest vine in the world. It is almost 500 years old, but not as old as the oldest Slovenian wine cellar in Puč. Wine-growing locations in Slovenia rank among five per cent of the best in the world. International and local grape varieties grow alongside each other. Try red Teran and Refosco from Primorska, and white Zelen wine from the Vipava Valley and Crlik from Dolenjska. The Gorška Bela Hills are among the most romantic wine-growing regions. Don't miss the traditional festivities on St Martin's Day in November around Slovenia.

SLOVENIAN SWEETS

Slovenian cakes and breads are just as diverse as Slovenia. Savoury, sweet, white, corn, stuffed... and all delicious. Taste buds are thrilled by the six layers of traditional succulent Prokumarska gibanica. Potica is the most typical Slovenian dessert and is prepared with over 80 various fillings. If you like something fresh and sweet, bite into cherries from the Gorška Brda Hills and apples from Kojansk.

TRADITIONAL SLOVENIAN DISHES

Kranjska klobasa is a world-famous Slovenian meat treat which has even travelled into space. It goes nicely with (roasted) sauerkraut or turnip. Idrijski sliškof – dumplings made from dough with potato, onion and herb filling are typical miners' dishes from Idrija. They are excellent with 'balčica' a sauce made with mutton or rabbit. Štruklji – one of the most recognisable treats. There is no universal recipe, as they are made from various types of dough and fillings. Trški – the Slovenian cheese of love, which herders on Velika Planina Plateau gave to their chosen ones.

CULINARY EVENTS

Dolci cakes from Slovenian Farms – May in Puč. Cherry Festival – June in Dolvo in the Gorška Brda Hills. Beer and Flowers Festival – July in Laško. Kranjska klobasa Festival – August in Sora pri Medvoah. Pumpkin Festival – September in Bled. Kojansko Apple Festival – October in Podreča.



SLOVENIANS

CONQUERORS OF THE WORLD

Just two million inhabitants but so much daring and success. The desire of Slovenians to reach for the top laurels is incredible. Slovenian alpinists have frequently been the first to climb the most demanding routes. Matevž Lenarčič flew around the world in an ultralight aircraft made in Slovenia. The exploits of innovators in Slovenia reach as far as Silicon Valley and beyond. The Slovenian green colour stimulates achievements!

PHENOMENA OF MUSIC

Slavko Avsenik is famous worldwide as the king of polka. He and his brother Vilko are the fathers of popular folk music. Their composition Na Golici was the world's most frequently played instrumental composition of the 20th century.

TECHNOLOGY

Damijan Merlak and Nejc Kodrič developed the Bitcoin in exchange with the world-famous virtual currency. Many Slovenians reside permanently across the pond, as they excel on the global scene in new technologies.

TOP ATHLETES

Slovenia is a country of top athletes and the cradle of diving in Central Europe. Skiers from the Blike Plateau were pioneers of moving on snow with wooden skis. Centuries later, many Slovenian skiers have won victories in World Cup events. Anže Kopitar plays in the most prestigious hockey league in the world and has brought the Stanley Cup to Slovenia twice. The Dragič brothers are stars in the NBA basketball league. Slovenian athletes are simply exceptional, both individually and in team sports.

ECONOMY

Akrapović exhaust systems are used by competitors in top-level motorsport events around the world. Ivo Beškar is the inventor of ultralight aircraft that can fly around the world, faster and more economically than any other. His company Pipistrel has already received numerous awards of the World Air Sports Federation and the NASA.

Slovenia is a Love Story

Feel Slovenia, a country located between the Alps, the Mediterranean and the Pannonian Plain. Welcome to sLOVEna, the only country with love in its name. Love has enormous power here. It connects the sea and mountains, forests and waters, fields and vineyards, the secrets of the underworld and the light of the sky.

The first thing a person feels in Slovenia is green. Over half of the country is covered with forests. Between Venice in Italy and Vienna in Austria, almost 50 parks and almost twice as many nature reserves stretch across Slovenia. Everyone in Slovenia, whether living in a town or in the countryside, is just a short walk away from green hills. Slovenia is green, active and healthy. Wherever you go, you can always scoop up spring water with your hands or taste fresh fruit from your own garden.

Greenings from #sLOVEna!

LOVE STORY

TRUE STORY

MY STORY

Let yourself fall in love with Slovenia. Do not hide it. You are cordially invited to the social networks of Slovenian tourism, where you can hang out with Slovenians, browse for new information and share your love to the green country.

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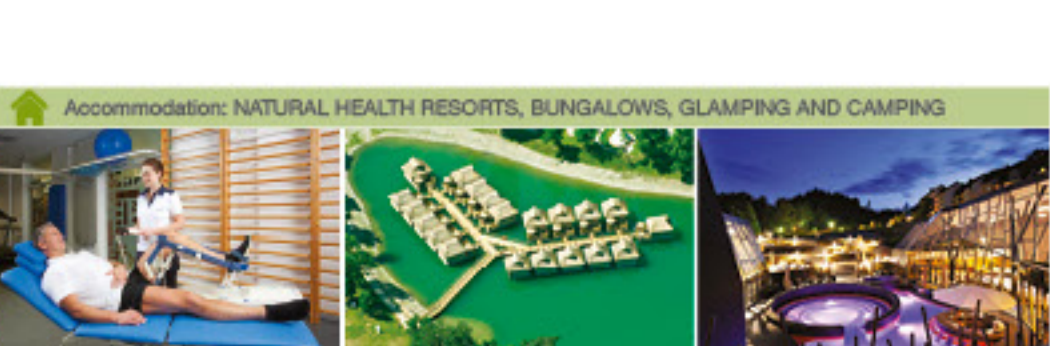
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