

SLOVEnia



It lies where the Alps meet the
Mediterranean Sea and
the Pannonian Plain meets the Karst.

Slovenia is a scenic country in the heart of Europe.
It borders on Italy, Croatia, Austria and Hungary.



This small country covers an area of only 20,273 km².



The current population is about 2 million.

There is a great variety of locations:

- Vibrant cities,
- crystal clear rivers & lakes,
- snow-capped mountains and beautiful beaches.
- Forests cover 58 % of the national territory.



Sights in Slovenia; Postojna cave

- ▶ **Postojna Cave** is a karst cave system. It is the second longest cave system.
- ▶ The caves were created by the Pivka River.



Sights in Slovenia; Lake Bled

- ▶ **Bled** is Slovenia's most popular resort
- ▶ It is famous for its green lake, a lovely church on the island, and a medieval castle on a rocky cliff.



Sights in Slovenia; Velika Planina

- ▶ **Velika Planina Plateau** is a magical plateau with one of the largest herdsmen's settlements in Europe.



Sights in Slovenia; Piran

- ▶ **Piran** is one of the loveliest coastal towns in Slovenia.
- ▶ It is known for its church and an angel.



Ljubljana, the capital

- ▶ It's located in the centre of the country.
- ▶ It's an old city. The Romans built a military camp there and named it Emona. There are still many structures left from that period.



Ljubljana, the capital

- ▶ Its population is more than 300,000.
- ▶ Being the largest city, it's also the cultural, educational, economic, and political centre of the country. It houses Slovenia's largest shopping centres and biggest business companies.



Ljubljana, the capital

- ▶ It was awarded the title of the European Green Capital 2016.
- ▶ There are many well preserved green spaces.
- ▶ There are four nature parks.
- ▶ The banks of the Ljubljanica River are surrounded by trees and grassy areas.





Sights in Ljubljana:



The castle

The Triple Bridge





The Prešeren square

The Cathedral



The Town Hall and the Robba fountain





The Opera House

Numerous churches



Slovene national dishes

- ▶ **Štruklji** are the most common Slovene dish. They are made from different types of dough and they can have different fillings (cheese, walnut).



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- ▶ **Kranjska klobasa** is a protected product. It is made of pork, bacon fat, garlic, pepper, salt and pig's intestine.



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- ▶ **Potica** is made from different types of dough and different fillings. The most typical filling includes walnuts. It is one of the original Slovene desserts.



Slovenian athletes



- ▶ Luka Dončić is the most famous Slovenian basketball player.
- ▶ Primož Roglič is a world wide known athlete for his cycling results.
- ▶ Peter Prevc is a well known ski jumper.

▶ Viri:

▶ https://www.google.com/search?q=luka+doncic&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi1u4O14Nb0AhXH16QKHUVMBqUQ_AUoAXoECAIQAw&biw=1536&bih=722&dpr=1.25#imgrc=Tx18akqE_OpVM

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The linden

- ▶ It is the queen of all Slovenian trees and a Slovenian national tree.
- ▶ It smells most intensively in late spring.
- ▶ People pick its flowers and dry them to make some calming tea in winter.
- ▶ People also make linden honey.
- ▶ There are quite a lot of handmade linden products as well.



The smoke tree

- ▶ The bush thrives in Karst.
- ▶ It is also an ornamental bush.
- ▶ In spring its leaves are yellow-green, in autumn they are carmine red.
- ▶ It contains essential oils.
- ▶ It is used for tanning leather and making ink.
- ▶ It is also used in medicine.

The Edelweiss

- ▶ It is a mountain flower.
- ▶ It has been used in traditional medicine as a remedy against abdominal and respiratory diseases.
- ▶ Its leaves and flowers are covered with dense hair, which protects the plant from cold.
- ▶ It is a symbol of alpinism.



The wild swamp tulip

- ▶ Swamp tulip or marsh tulip (*Fritillaria meleagris*) is a plant from the lily family.
- ▶ It grows in very moist habitats of Europe.
- ▶ It has 6 bell-shaped petals which face downwards.
- ▶ They are colored in a characteristic purple-red checkerboard pattern.
- ▶ They bloom in late March and early April.



https://sl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mo%C4%8Dvirski_tulipan

The Zois' Bellflower

- ▶ The plant was named after Karl Zois, a Slovenian botanist who found the plant first.

<http://potrebujem.si/zoisova-zvoncica-campanula-zoysii/>



- ▶ The plant grows only in the Julian Alps, the Kamnik-Alps and the Karavanke Mountains.
- ▶ The plant can be seen in July and August mainly above 1500m in rock cracks.
- ▶ The flowers consist of five grown cornices, five bead leaves, five dusters and an undergrown fetus.

▶ RESOURCE:
wikipedia

The brown bear

- ▶ Brown bears are solitary animals.
 - ▶ They are omnivores and they sleep all winter.
 - ▶ In Slovenia, there are about 750-975 bears.
 - ▶ They are an endangered species.
 - ▶ Nowadays, they often die because their natural environment is shrinking.
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- ▶ <https://www.os-sostro.si/index.php/uciteljski-zbor/predmetna-stopnja>



They seem pretty slow, but they are agile and they can run very fast.

They are good swimmers as well.

Their life expectancy is 30-40 years.

Bears live in mixed forests, in the lowlands and in the mountains.



▶ <https://www.lovska-zveza.si/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/medved-02.jpg>



The coloration and size of the bears change.

The brown bear is the only member of the bear family in Slovenia.

Males are larger than females so they can weigh up to 200 kilograms.

Males reach 160-250 cm.

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Lynx and wolf

Wolf

- ▶ Its latin name is *Canis lupus* and it belongs to the wolf family.
- ▶ Wolves are from 100 to 160 cm tall, including their heads.
- ▶ Wolves look like large German Shepherds, but they have longer legs. The coat is grayish brown. They have upright, pointed, triangular ears and a long, bushy tail.
- ▶ They live in large forests, grasslands, swamps and mountain areas.



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Wolves

- ▶ Wolves feed mainly on the meat of large mammals such as deer and wild boar, and they also eat rabbits, mice, rats, sheep, goats and cattle. Sometimes they eat fish, frogs, insects and plant foods.

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Lynx

- Its latin name is Lynx.
- It weighs 18-30 kilograms and it is 60 - 75 cm tall.
- They have got a short tail with a black top.
- Their hair is mostly reddish brown, but the belly is white.
- They have lived in our country since 1970s.
- They live in mountainous forest and open rock world.
- They like being alone, they are sociable only during mating.
- They eat rodents, young birds, rabbits and deer.



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The white and black proteus/olm (črna in bela človeška ribica)

- ▶ The white and black proteus/olm have a snake-shaped body that grows from 20 to 30 cm.
- ▶ Their eyes are covered with skin because they don't need them in the dark caves where they live.
- ▶ The development of a human fish takes 140 days at 10°C.
- ▶ The female lays up to 70 eggs and attaches them between the rocks, where she protects them.

- ▶ It survives without food for up to 10 years.
- ▶ They live about 58 to 70 years.



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The Carniolan bee

- ▶ We also call it Carniolan lavender.
- ▶ It's a honey bee.
- ▶ It lives in the area of the Balkan Peninsula, but it comes from Gorenjska (Slovenia).
- ▶ The second most widespread breed of bees in the world.
- ▶ It is a calm breed.
- ▶ The worker bees live up to two months and the queen 3 to 5 years.

▶ https://images.24ur.com/media/images/1500x1000/Jun2017/da9ae09d94_61941772.jpg?v=d41d



The Lipizzaner

- ▶ It is one of the oldest cultural breeds of horses in Europe and in the world.
- ▶ Its body is rectangular in shape and there is a lot of muscle mass, its head is thin and quite large.
- ▶ Lipizzaners are born with black hair, later they turn white.
- ▶ VIRI:<https://old.slovenskenovice.si/novice/slovenija/se-ne-vedo-zakaj-so-umrli-stirje-lipicanci>



- ▶ Horses are herbivores, they eat fresh grass and hay.
- ▶ Interestingly, they are not allowed to eat pears as they inflate them.

▶ VIRI:<http://lipicanci-konji.splet.arnes.si/2016/05/25/opis/>



The Soča trout

- ▶ Its latin name is *Salmo marmoratus*.
- ▶ It is a freshwater fish.
- ▶ It is widespread across the Adriatic basin.
- ▶ They are reclusive.
- ▶ Smaller ones live in medium-deep water and larger ones in deep pools.
- ▶ [Soška postrv na krožnikih doma in v tujini - Svet kapitala \(delo.si\)](#)



Sostro Primary School



- ▶ It is located in the suburban eastern part of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia.
- ▶ With 740 pupils it is one of the biggest schools in Ljubljana.





There are the central school in Sostro and four district schools scattered on the sunny hills (**Besnica, Janče, Prežganje** and **Lipoglav**).



- ▶ Our school represents the educational and cultural centre of this part of Ljubljana.
- ▶ The school works hand in hand with the local community and its societies.



- ▶ The school is widely recognized for its rich diversity of activities.
- ▶ We take part in various competitions at state level.
- ▶ We make projects and research papers.



- ▶ The school has been appointed well respected titles:
- ▶ Cultural School,
- ▶ Healthy School,
- ▶ Unesco school and
- ▶ The Planet Earth friendly school.

We often organise workshops:

- for pupils,
- for parents,
- for elderly people.



- ▶ **We always act according to the values our pupils have chosen as most important:**
- ✓ **knowledge,**
 - ✓ **consistency,**
 - ✓ **responsibility,**
 - ✓ **honesty,**
 - ✓ **positive thinking,**
 - ✓ **cooperation,**
 - ✓ **tolerance and creativity.**

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