



## DMC services

**SLOVENIAGUIDE DMC** deals with all aspects of tourist travel such as leisure groups, special interest groups, incentive, sports, etc.

**Our team works with you as a partner** to design itineraries and provide a personal service in the planning and execution of trips. **We provide professional operations for any destination in Slovenia, Croatia and other Balkan countries** and for all types of group requirements. We will do our best to provide you with our best services and solutions. SLOVENIAGUIDE is located in the north-east of Slovenia, near the city of Maribor.



Photo by Aleš Fevžer

## OUR OFFER:

- ✓ Hotels & Meetings
- ✓ Dinners & Events
- ✓ Activities & Teambuilding
- ✓ Sightseeing & Transportation
- ✓ Hospitality Services
- ✓ Hotel Reservations
- ✓ Group Travel
- ✓ Sport activities (Skiing, Cycling trips, Tennis, Golf, Diving)
- ✓ Unique Experiences (from exclusive locations to gourmet evenings)
- ✓ Communication & Event Image
- ✓ Sightseeing & daily excursions
- ✓ Guide Services
- ✓ Transportation Services and rentals
- ✓ Assistance on spot in Slovenia

# INCENTIVE TRAVEL TO SLOVENIA

Slovenia, "the beauty on the sunny side of the Alps", is a hidden gem offering a myriad of activities, traditional, modern and unusual event locations, excellent accommodation options and superb cuisine. Because Slovenia is so small, it is possible to see and do everything in a short journey. The DMC SLOVENIAGUIDE team will "take" your client and guest to a unique experience with many surprises and all the beauty of Slovenia.

You will have the opportunity to discover Slovenia during team building events, exciting incentive and reward programmes. SLOVENIA surprises with a great variety of landscapes, so during your incentive trip to Slovenia you can go on an e-BIKE adventure to the land of hops - green gold, take a culinary excursion to the capital Ljubljana or enjoy a sporty sailing experience on the Adriatic Sea. **Short transfers allow skiing in the morning and a fish picnic on a boat on the Adriatic in the afternoon.** Or take an old steam train from the Julian Alps to the emerald Soca Valley and sunny vineyards in two hours. **SLOVENIA is a small country, but a great destination for incentive travel.**

## WONDERFULL PLACES OF SLOVENIA



Lake Bled (by Jošt Gantar)

### Bled

One of the most recognisable images of Slovenia, which has circled the globe countless times, is the image of Lake Bled: a small island in the middle of the lake with a church. This perfect backdrop is complemented by the ancient castle, which dominates the landscape from the top of the cliff. The image of Lake Bled with its island and castle has been described by the world's media and influencers as one of the most romantic in the world, and recommended as the ideal setting for an unforgettable wedding.



### Piran

Images of the coastal town of Piran, known by some as Little Venice, have also circulated around the world. The resemblance to the Italian town is twofold: the coastal location and the appearance of the buildings, which were built when the town was part of the Venetian Republic. Piran is a city with a history and is a cultural and historical monument in its own right.



Ptuj (by Andrej Tarfila)

## Ptuj

Ptuj, located in a completely different part of Slovenia, is certainly just as picturesque. Its waterfront location on the Drava River and its past have also had a strong influence on its image. It is considered the oldest town in Slovenia, with remains dating back to the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, to antiquity - the reign of the ancient Romans - and to the Middle Ages. A stroll through its centre is a real journey through time, which can be complemented by a visit to the Dominican monastery and the castle that has dominated the city's skyline for centuries.



Celje (by Jošt Gantar)

## Celje

The ghosts of the past also haunt Celje. Like Ptuj, the city's image was shaped by antiquity and the Middle Ages. In Celje, an imposing city below today's town, discover the remains left underground by the ancient Romans. You can explore the turbulent Middle Ages above the city, at the mighty Old Castle of Celje. Built on a steep rocky hilltop, it has been tracing the development of the town since the 12th century, and its fate has been influenced by the family of the Counts of Celje. The most important noble family in what is now Slovenia has left many stories in Celje and its surroundings, in addition to the buildings.



Ljubljana (by Miran Kambič)

## Ljubljana - old city centre and the castle, Plečnik's Ljubljana

Ljubljana Castle, a magnificent landmark in the capital, could also tell a story or two. For centuries, it has watched the hustle and bustle of the city below and even beyond its borders. Climb its tower and enjoy the same view. Explore its interior, which continues to surprise visitors with new discoveries and new ways of understanding the past. The path from the castle leads you to the Old Town, located between the castle hill and the Ljubljanica River. A walk along the cobbled streets, past buildings that have stood there since the Middle Ages, takes you across the Three Bridges (Tromostovje), designed by architect Jože Plečnik, among many other landmarks.



Predjamski grad (by Alan Kosmač)

## Predjama Castle and Postojna Cave

Predjama Castle and Postojna Cave are also two of Slovenia's landmarks that are admired all over the world. There is another world in Slovenia - the underground karst world, whose secrets will probably never be fully revealed. Postojna Cave has celebrated 200 years of organised visits to its interior, which amazes visitors with the shape of stalactites and stalagmites and the variety of flora and fauna. The human fish is the ruler of the underworld - it was once thought to be a dragon's hatchling. This special animal serves as an indicator of a healthy ecosystem.



Lipica (by Jošt Gantar)



Logarska valley (by Tomo Jeseničnik)

## Lipica and Lipizzaner horses

In the mysterious karst world you can also visit the home of the white Lipizzaner. These horses have been bred in Lipica, the original stud farm, since the 16th century. It is the oldest stud farm in Europe, continuously breeding one of the oldest horse breeds.

The landscape itself is breathtaking, a green oasis in the middle of a white limestone world, where you can get to know the life of the Lipizzaner horses as they graze. You can also explore the landscape in their company - by horseback or carriage.

## Logar Valley Landscape Park

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## PLACE FOR OUTDOOR AND ADVENTURE

See the scenery from the air, hear the sound of the water flowing, feel the adrenaline rush. This is an experience that will turn your holiday into an unforgettable life event.

Slovenia's diversity and unspoilt nature make it the perfect playground for a variety of outdoor activities or teambuilding. From spring to autumn, guests can test their adrenaline by rafting, swinging around the capital, mountain biking in the Alps, hot air ballooning over Lake Bled or enjoying a sailing regatta in the Adriatic Sea. In the winter months, you'll experience snowshoeing, ice climbing, great skiing and even your very own winter

### *"Funny Olympics in the snow".*



## Some of the most attractive adventures:



Rafting on Soča river (by Iztok Medja)

### Rafting

Feel the adrenaline rush of thrilling but safe raft descents. Slovenian rivers make rafting safe. The most suitable is the Soča River, a clear emerald river flowing through a picturesque valley. Guided adrenaline descents can be experienced on the upper Sava River, the Savinja River in Styria, the Kolpa River in Bela Krajina and the Krka River in Dolenjska. The rafting agencies organising the rafting trips provide all the necessary equipment and transport.



### Canyoning

Canyoning is the most adrenaline-pumping water sport. Climbers, swimmers, hikers and nature lovers are sure to enjoy this sport as it combines all these skills. Navigate narrow canyons, descend waterfalls, climb and jump into clear pools, sometimes up to ten or more metres deep. The most popular canyons are Sušec and Kozjak .

## Some of the most attractive adventures:



### Kayak and canoe

In Slovenia, you can rent a kayak for paddling on wild and calm rivers and for paddling on lakes and the sea. Kayaking is an exciting experience on the rapids of the Soča, Sava, Savinja, Krka and Kolpa rivers. Choose a canoe for paddling on Slovenia's calmer rivers, lakes and seas, as it offers an easy, fast and manoeuvrable ride. The most popular kayaking routes are along the Ljubljansko bog and Ljubljanica River, from Žužemberk along the Krka River and along the Mura River. Canoes can also be rented on Lake Bohinj, Lake Velenje and Lake Zbilje.



### Zipline

Zipline (by Iztok Medja)

The Zipline offers a breakneck descent along steel cables leading from one bank to the other. The spectacular zipline parks are in Bovec and Planica, where you'll fly over the giant Planica Ski Jump, the largest ski jump in the world. In addition to the thrill of descending the steel ropes, you will always remember the unforgettable, breathtaking panoramic view of the valley and the nearby mountains.

## Some of the most attractive adventures:



Križna cave (by Jošt Gantar)

### Paragliding

For all who want to fly. Take a plunge from one of Slovenia's peaks and enjoy the view as you spread your wings. There are several paragliding schools in Slovenia where you can learn the basics... or simply join a paragliding instructor and admire Slovenia from the air, safely and in the care of a professional. Or if you'd rather be in a plane, why not see what the landscape looks like during a panoramic or aerobatic flight in a plane?



### Exploring caves

Cave exploration has a long tradition in Slovenia, as the underground world, especially in the Karst, is very extensive. In Slovenia, speleologists are discovering new caves every year; so far they have discovered more than 12 thousand of them, but only a little more than twenty are open to visitors.

## Some of the most attractive adventures:



### Sports climbing

There are many natural climbing walls in Slovenia, which is why sport climbing is very popular. Slovenia is a climber's paradise, visited by the best climbers in the world as well as complete beginners. Discover the natural walls hidden in the forests of Styria, on the edge of the Karst or on the outskirts of the Alps. Climb higher and higher!



### Hydrospeed

The Soča and Sava rivers are ideal for the adrenaline sport of hydrospeed. It allows direct contact with the water, with only a small river bob between you and the river - a float that you steer with fins on your feet; you also wear additional equipment to protect you if you hit rocks. A guide will take care of your safety; the activity is only suitable for good swimmers.



## Some of the most attractive adventures:



### Paintball

A sport full of fun that is ideal for enjoying with friends. Test your courage and ingenuity in a tense shooting confrontation! Numerous ranges full of interesting obstacles and hilly terrain provide an unforgettable experience.



### Go Cart racing »RACELAND«

Top experience for anyone who likes speed. The certified race track at Krško, in the south of Slovenia, offers a professional cart racing experience.



## PERFECT WINE AND TASTES OF SLOVENIAN KITCHEN

Slovenia is also a great surprise for gourmets and wine lovers, who will taste the wine story of Slovenia.

Tastes of Slovenia are tastes of difference.

The flavours of Slovenia are different in the Alps than on the Adriatic coast, they are different in the Karst than on the Pannonian plain, but each region also has its own special gastronomic areas. Slovenia has 170 distinctive dishes! Their main common characteristic is that they are made with locally produced ingredients. Discover Slovenia's protected and special cheeses, meat products, sausages, oils, honey and other foods. Taste dishes from different parts of Slovenia, prepared in a typical local way.

## Some of the top SLOVENIAN Chefs...



### **Tomaž Kavčič** - GOSTILNA PRI LOJZETU

The Picasso of Slovenian cuisine who exhibits top ingredients and local tradition in a new vision of exceptional dishes.



### **Gregor Vračko HIŠA DENK**

Top culinary rebel who seeks no causes to be different. But prefers to work. Work hard.

## Some of the top **SLOVENIAN Chefs...**

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### **Ana Roš HIŠA FRANKO**

An undestined diplomat became a global culinary star who spreads the word of Slovenia and its gastronomy beyond its borders.



### **David Vračko MAK RESTAURANT**

The haute couture of first-class cuisine flirting with psychology and adventure in the style of Homer's The Odyssey.

## Find the best dishes by top chefs in excellent restaurants

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The best flavours in Slovenia await you in restaurants that have been ranked among the world's best by the **Michelin Guide**, the most prestigious book in gastronomy. The French culinary guide, **Gault&Millau**, brings you the best of Slovenian restaurants, bistros, wine cellars, breweries, and agritourism farms. **The Slovenia Restaurant Awards highlight the 100 top gastronomic locations across all the Slovenian regions.**



## 3 SLOVENIAN WINE REGIONS

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### **Primorska is the warmest wine-growing region**

All four wine-growing districts in Primorska – Brda, Vipavska dolina (the Vipava Valley), Kras (the Karst), and Slovenska Istra (Slovenian Istria) can feel the greater or lesser influence of the Mediterranean.

### **Podravje wine-growing region**

The fine dry white aromatic wines of Podravje.

Fine white wines, the oldest vines in the world, terraced vineyards in the hilltop village of Jeruzalem - all this and more is hidden in the wine-growing region of Podravje.

The wine-growing region of Podravje, named after the River Drava, has many answers for you. It is divided into two wine-growing regions: Styria Slovenia, the largest wine-growing region in Slovenia, and Prekmurje.

### **Posavje wine-growing region**

Follow the less-trodden wine trails, get to know the local speciality, cviček, excellent sparkling wines, all the better rosés and exceptional sweet wines.

Slovenia's smallest wine-growing region, Posavje, named after the Sava River, is divided into three wine-growing districts: Dolenjska, Bizeljsko-Sremič and Bela krajina.

## EXAMPLES OF THE ACCOMMODATION AND MEETING VENUES



### GRAND HOTEL BERNARDIN \*\*\*\*\* - PORTOROŽ

- ✓ Room types: Family, Deluxe, Deluxe Superior
- ✓ Congress: Largest congress centre up to 1.100 participants
- ✓ Paradise Spa Wellness
- ✓ Superior Beach
- ✓ Swimming pools



### FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON \*\*\*\* SUPERIOR – LJUBLJANA

- ✓ Room types: Classic, Deluxe, Superior, Business, Executive)
- ✓ Congress: 13 conference rooms (up to 900 participants)



### GRAND HOTEL UNION & CONFERENCE CENTRE \*\*\*\* – LJUBLJANA

- ✓ Room types: Comfort, superior comfort, Deluxe, Grand Deluxe
- ✓ Congress: 3000 m<sup>2</sup> of multi-purpose halls and lounges

# EXAMPLES OF THE ACCOMMODATION AND MEETING VENUES



## AUSTRIA TREND HOTEL \*\*\*\* - LJUBLJANA

- ✔ Room types: Deluxe, Executive, Presidential apartment
- ✔ Congress: 11 conference halls, up to 600 participants
- ✔ Savana Spa Wellness



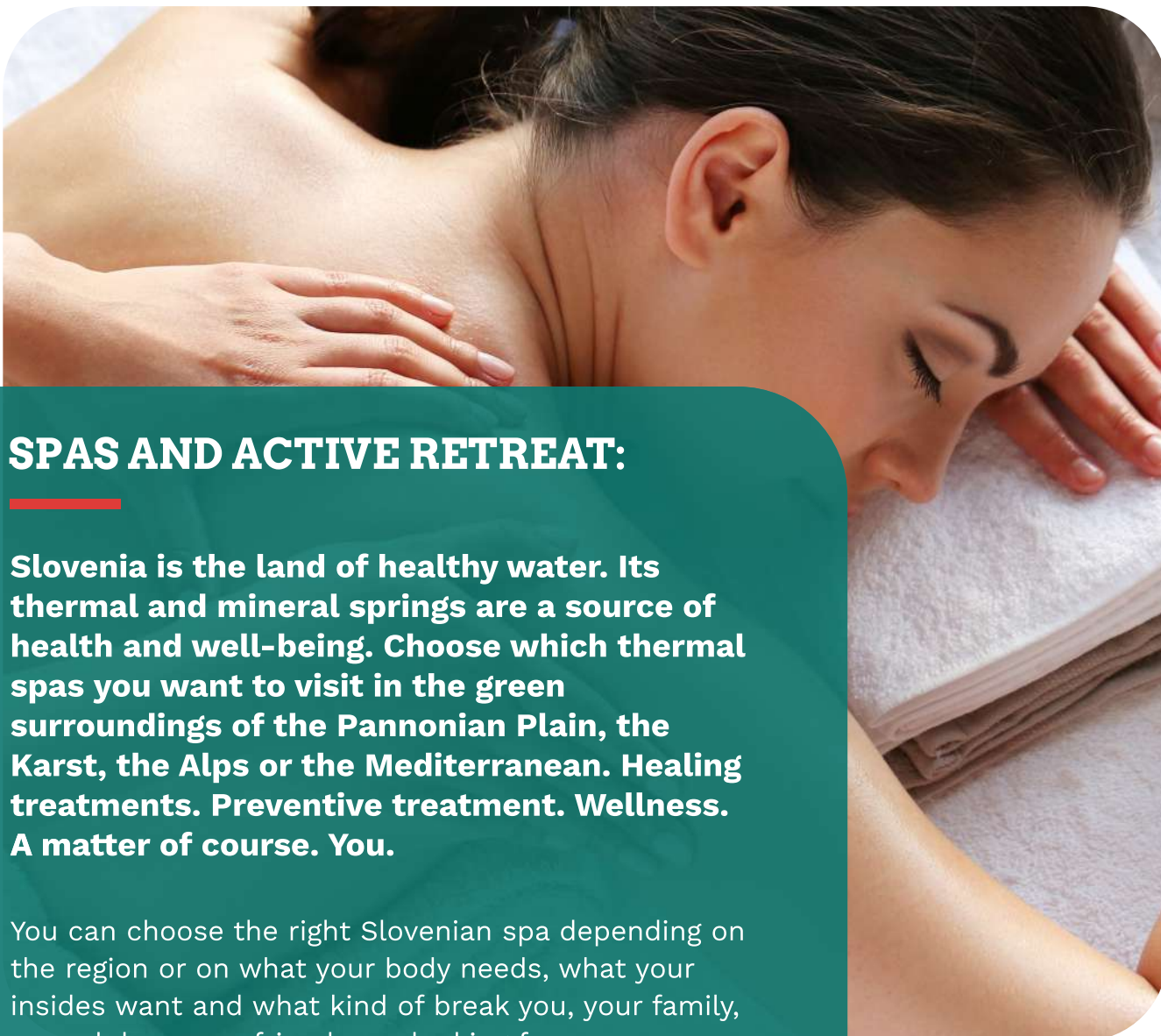
## HOTEL CITY \*\*\*\* - MARIBOR

- ✔ Room types: Standard, Superior, Suite
- ✔ Congress hall



## GRAND HOTEL PRIMUS \*\*\*\* SUPERIOR – PTUJ

- ✔ Room types: Economy, Superior, Presidential
- ✔ Congress hall
- ✔ 5 Pools
- ✔ Wellness centre Valens Augusta
- ✔ Golf (18 holes)



## SPAS AND ACTIVE RETREAT:

**Slovenia is the land of healthy water. Its thermal and mineral springs are a source of health and well-being. Choose which thermal spas you want to visit in the green surroundings of the Pannonian Plain, the Karst, the Alps or the Mediterranean. Healing treatments. Preventive treatment. Wellness. A matter of course. You.**

You can choose the right Slovenian spa depending on the region or on what your body needs, what your insides want and what kind of break you, your family, your club or your friends are looking for.

### Spas and health resorts

- Terme Lifeclass
- Čatež Spa
- Dobrna Spa
- Dolenjske Toplice Spa
- Laško Spa
- Lendava Spa
- Spa 3000 Moravske Toplice
- Olimia Spa
- Ptuj Spa
- Radenci Spa
- Talaso Strunjan Spa
- Šmarješke Toplice Spa
- Topolšica Spa
- Rogaška Slatina Spa
- Zreče Spa
- Spa Rimske toplice
- Bioterme
- Terme Banovci

## Transportation and rentals



We offer transportation inside as well as outside of Slovenia. Organized transfers with private coach (14 -51 seat). Transfers with minivan 8+1 for smaller groups and individuals.



### Airport transfers

Upon request. Depending on group size.

## SHORT FACTS ABOUT SLOVENIA



### AREA and LOCATION

Slovenia, officially Republic of Slovenia (Republika Slovenija) is a Central European country that borders with the Mediterranean and the Alps. It extends over an area of 20,273 square km. Most of Slovenia's territory is on elevated land – mountains and plateaus.



### BORDERING COUNTRIES

Italy, Hungary, Croatia, Austria



### THE CAPITAL CITY and MAJOR CITIES

Ljubljana, which is the largest city with a population of 280,000 inhabitants (2009). Other larger cities include Koper (24,568, Slovenian Litoral Region); Kranj (36,071, Upper Carniola Region), Maribor (93,584, Lower Styria Region); Novo mesto (22,849, Lower Carniola Region)



### CLIMATE

Slovenia has a Continental climate in the northeast of the country ; Alpine climate in the high mountain region and a sub-Mediterranean climate in the coastal region. These three climatic systems interact variably.



**AREA CODE +386**



**CURRENCY Euro (EUR)**





## DISTANCES

Ljubljana is situated 393 km from Budapest, 279 km from Vienna, 115 km from Zagreb and 183 km from Venice.



## INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport  
<http://www.lju-airport.si/eng/default.asp>

Maribor Edvard Rusjan Airport  
<http://www.maribor-airport.si>

Portorož Airport  
<http://www.portoroz-airport.si>



## LANGUAGE

The official language is Slovene (South Slavic language group). In ethnically mixed areas along the Hungarian and Italian borders, Hungarian and Italian are also official languages. In addition to Slovene, most Slovenians speak Croatian, English and German (Eurobarometer).

We look forward to meeting you

»on the sunny side of the Alps!«



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