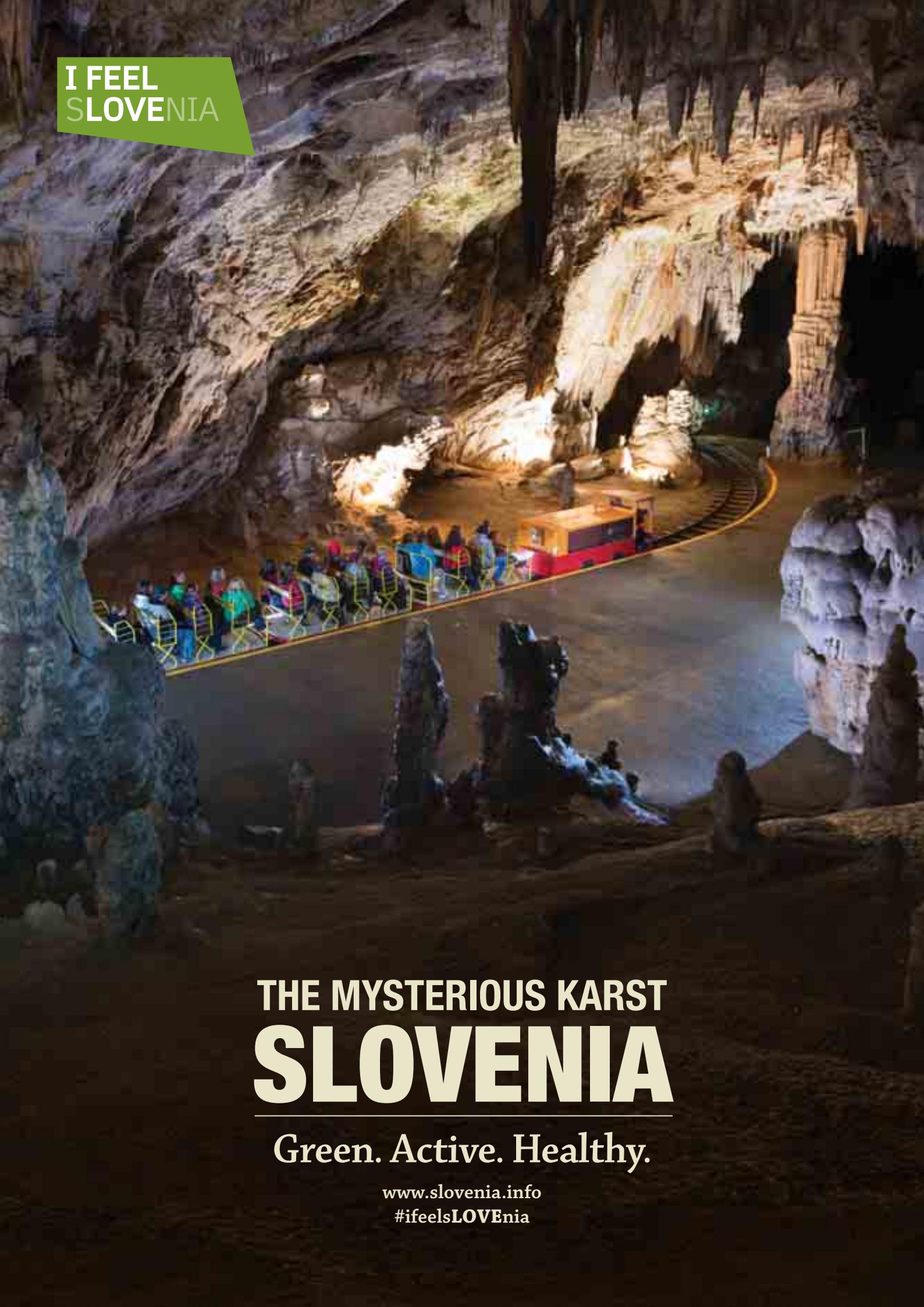


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IN THE KARST

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The Karst is rock and water. While the water-soluble **limestone** provides the foundation, **water** shapes it. Water, either rainwater or water from the streams flowing from the impermeable surrounding areas onto limestone, dissolves it both on and under the surface of the earth. This results in a variety of formations, from the smallest grooves, to karren, dolines and uvalas, as well as poljes, which can be extremely large.

The same goes for the subsurface formations, i.e. holes, shafts up to several thousand metres in depth and caves hundreds of kilometres in length. The shafts in the area of Mount Kanin are among the world's deepest, and **Postojna Cave** and **Križna Cave**, as well as **Škocjan Caves** are among the most beautiful, mightiest and most popular caves. Water phenomena are a unique feature found nowhere else: swallows, swallow holes, ponor caves, which can swallow entire rivers, and karst springs, where enormous quantities of water flow from great depths. **The Karst Plateau (Kras)** gave its name to the international scientific term – each limestone-based landscape is ‘karstic’. ‘Doline’, the international term for sinkhole, has also been borrowed from Slovenian.

Academic Dr Andrej Kranjc, Prof.,
Karst Research Institute, ZRC, SAZU

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Postojna Cave

POSTOJNA CAVE

A WORLD-FAMOUS MARVEL

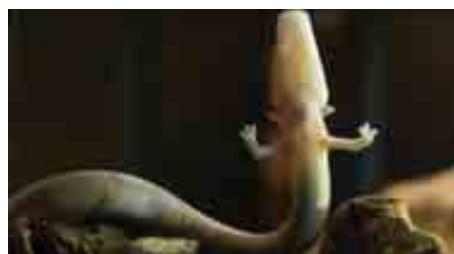
In the Karst, the interplay between rock and water created a fairytale-like world, which welcomes all admirers of nature and seekers of beauty. In Slovenia, water has carved more than 11,000 subterranean caves, the **most magnificent of which is Postojna Cave**. Explorers have so far discovered and explored over 24

kilometres of the cave's system, but are confident that the cave is hiding a number of unexplored areas.

Postojna Cave, the largest and most visited European cave, has been fascinating visitors from all over the world **for over 200 years**. In the period between its discovery and 1818, visitors could see a

mere 300 metres of the cave, whereas today they can admire a cave section that is more than 5 km long.

The temperature inside the cave remains constant throughout the year at 8 °C. In the summer, it provides visitors with respite from the heat and in the winter it warms them up. In the depths of the





- thousand of years of nature's creation
- a subterranean paradise abundant with cave formations
- a tradition of cave tours which dates back more than 200 years
- almost 37 million visitors, including more than 150 emperors, kings, presidents and prime ministers
- cave railway since 1872
- electric lighting inside the cave since 1883
- tour footpath without any major uphill walking or a single step
- the world's oldest post office inside a cave, built in 1899
- regular and adventure cave tours
- visitors get to see the olm

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earth, visitors get to experience complete darkness when the lights are turned off for a few seconds. **Over 36 million** visitors have so far experienced the exciting cave adventures. For a number of years, visitors toured the cave only on foot. From 1872 onwards, they were moved along the tracks on hand-pushed carriages by cave guides, and today they tour the cave with the famous electric train, which makes Postojna Cave the only cave in the world with a double-track railway line. The cave adventure begins with a 3.7-kilometre long train ride and continues on foot among the colourful and diverse karst features when visitors set off on foot to admire the cave's many passages, galleries and halls. The footpath takes them past the **Brilliant**, the cave's most beautiful stalagmite. This 5-metre tall dripstone, which mesmerises admirers with its dazzling whiteness, soft form

and delicate mightiness, has been the **symbol of Postojna Cave and the Slovenian Karst for decades**.

During their cave adventure visitors get to meet the **dragon's offspring – the olm** (*Proteus anguinus*). This one-of-a-kind cave-dwelling animal retains most of its larval physical features into adulthood. Although it has lungs, it breathes with gills. It has a lifespan of 100 years and is still exactly the same as its forebears, hence it is called a living fossil. In addition to olms, the cave is inhabited by over 150 animal species, owing to which Postojna Cave is famous as the world's richest subterranean area in terms of biodiversity. It is considered to be the cradle of speleobiology and provides visitors with an opportunity to see the most interesting specimens of cave-dwelling animals at Vivarium Proteus.

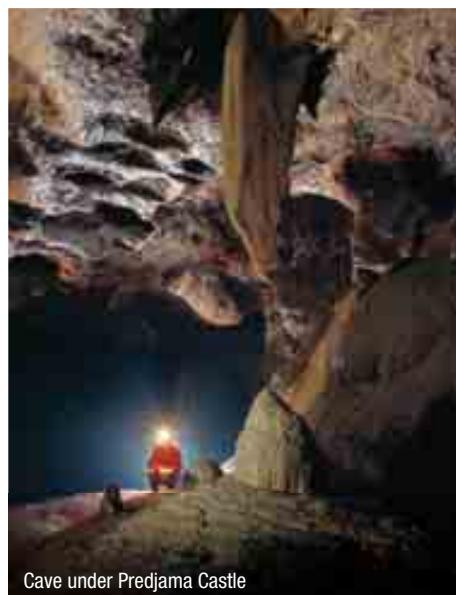


Brilliant, the symbol of Postojna Cave

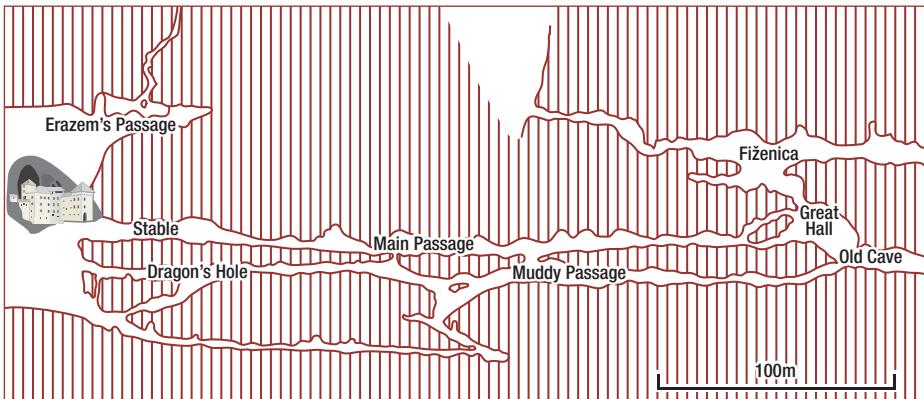
PREDJAMA CASTLE

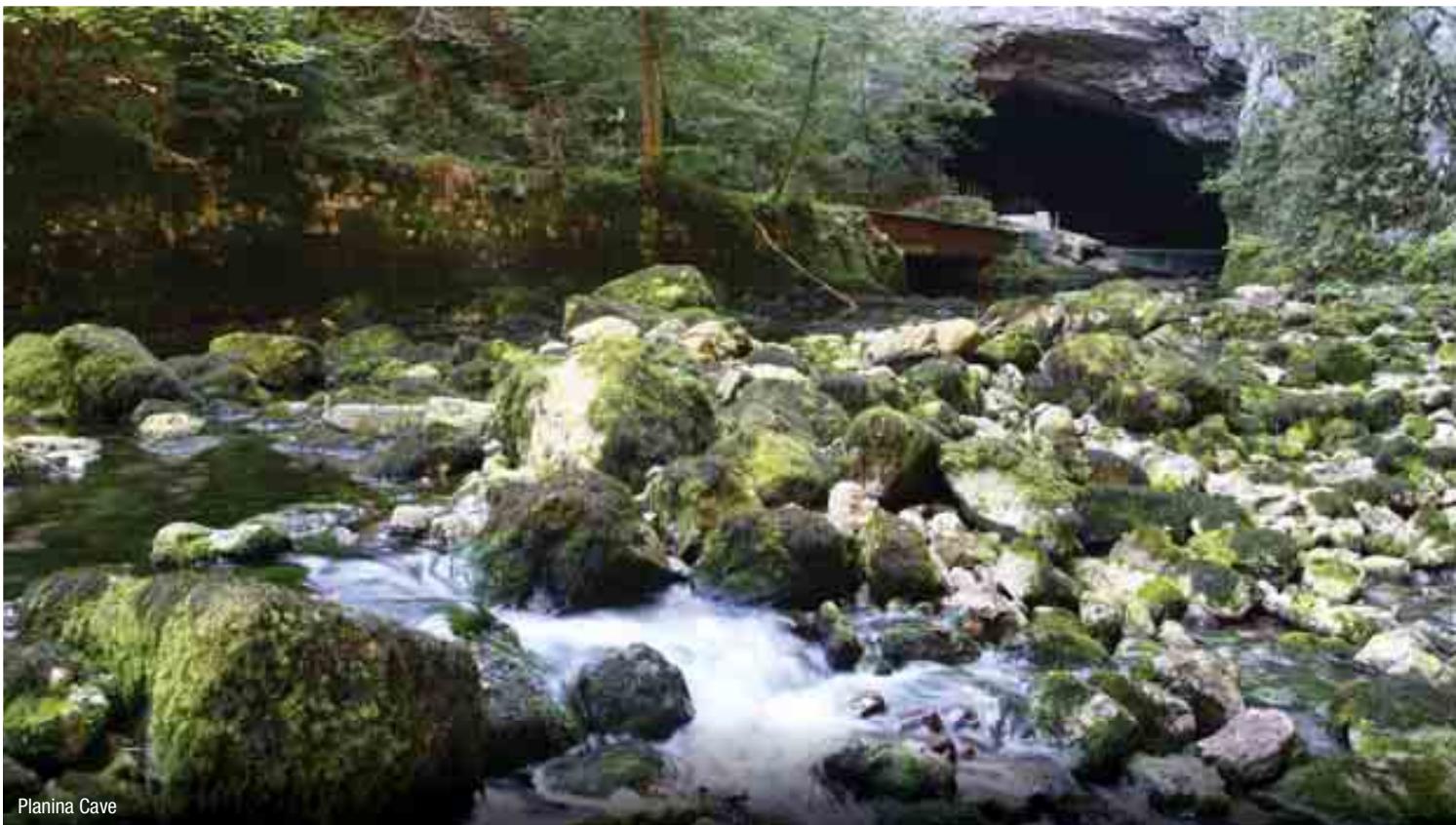
A MAJESTIC SYMBOL OF DEFIANCE

- 9 kilometres from Postojna Cave
- a picturesque, majestic, defiant, mysterious and impregnable castle has been perched in the middle of an over 123-metre high cliff for over 800 years
- the largest cave castle in the world, listed as one of the Guinness World Records
- as the only fully preserved cave castle in Europe, it offers a unique insight into the construction techniques and ingenuity of medieval people, who found a safe haven right at the cave entrance
- an appealing and inspiring legend about the courageous and clever knight Erazem of Predjama, who remained undefeated until he was betrayed by one of his servants
- a network of cave passages around the castle
- Cave under Predjama Castle is the second longest show cave in Slovenia and an important archaeological site; it is inhabited by several bat species



Cave under Predjama Castle





Planina Cave

PREDJAMA CASTLE

The majestic **Predjama Castle**, the largest cave castle in the world, is perched in the middle of a 123-metre high cliff, in the mouth of a cave whose subterranean passages stretch under, behind and above the castle. The castle has been stirring people's imagination for centuries, generating plentiful excitement with its eventful history of over 800 years. The castle inhabitant that has proven most interesting for visitors was **Erazem of Predjama**, who, during a siege, managed to receive the supplies through a secret passage, which made him undefeatable. He was finally betrayed by one of his men, who lit a candle in the window of Erazem's room, thus making it possible for the besiegers to shower Erazem with stone balls.

CAVE UNDER PREDJAMA CASTLE

The second longest show cave in Slovenia was created by the sinking stream **Lokva** and its propulsive strength. The cave is inhabited by numerous colonies of **bats** and is popular with visitors, who admire its splendours.

OTOK CAVE

Otok Cave (Otoška jama) is a dry horizontal cave with an abundance of stalactites and stalagmites, and is connected to other caves through the passages of the subterranean River Pivka. Owing to its unique beauty, it has served as a filming location for a number of feature films.

PIVKA CAVE

The viewpoint at the entrance to **Pivka Cave** offers a wonderful view of the sixty-five metre deep collapse shaft; the trail around the cave leads up the river along the river bank.

BLACK CAVE

The cave is connected to the Pivka Cave with a man-made passage. More than two hundred years ago, the Black Cave was the first to present **olms** to the people.

PLANINA CAVE

Planina Cave (Planinska jama) is the place where the rivers Pivka and Rak become one. The two rivers created the cave's splendours first on their own and then together.



Otok Cave



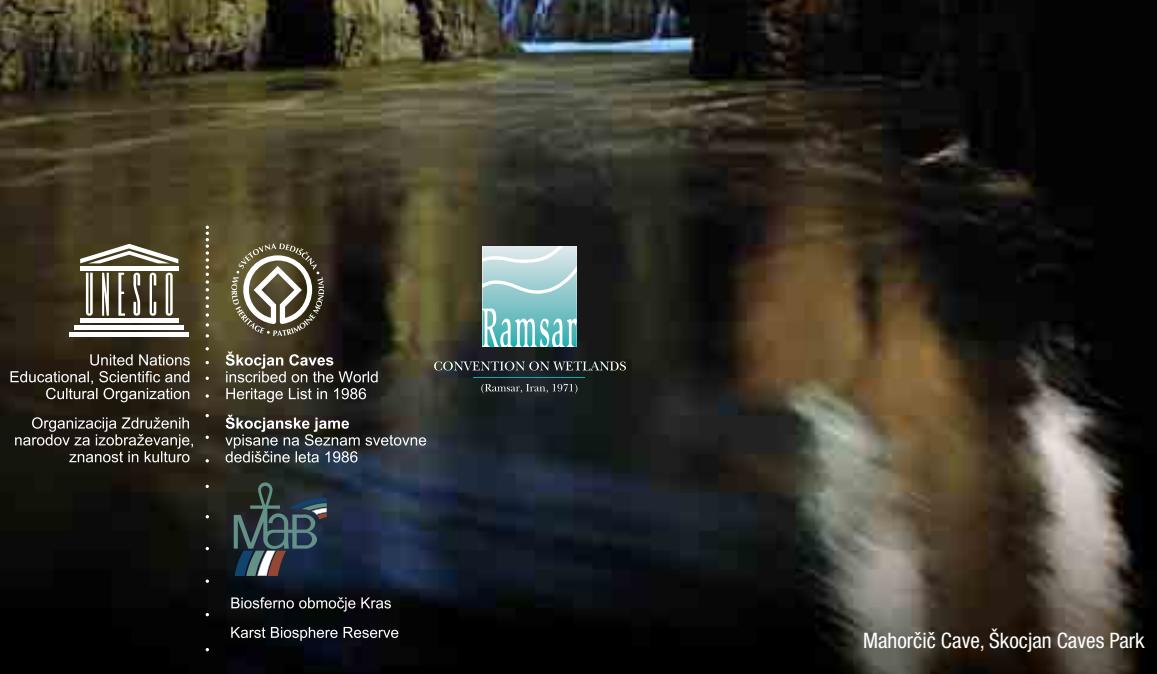
Pivka Cave



Black Cave



Park Škocjanske jame, Slovenija

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narodov za izobraževanje,
znanost in kulturo
- Škocjan Caves**
inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 1986
- Škocjanske jame**
vpisane na Seznam svetovne
dediščine leta 1986
- MAB**
Biosferno območje Kras
Karst Biosphere Reserve
- Ramsar**
CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
(Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
- Mahorčič Cave, Škocjan Caves Park





Collapse doline Velika dolina



Cerkvenik Bridge



Waterfall in a natural window

ŠKOCJAN CAVES PARK

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

In the **Classical Karst**, where the karst world meets the non-karst world, at the River Reka ponor, nature has created a magnificent natural monument – the Škocjan Caves Park. Škocjan Caves have been a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site **since 1986**, and were in 1999 also included in the **Ramsar Convention's** List of Wetlands of International Importance as the first underground wetland area and as one of the longest subterranean wetland areas in Europe. The Škocjan Caves Park was established in 1996 by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia as the **Škocjan Caves Regional Park**. As the **Karst Biosphere Reserve**, the park has since 2004 been part of a global network of biosphere ar-

eas within the UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB). The caves were created by the **River Reka**, which flows on the surface for about 50 kilometres and then here disappears into the karst underground. With its playfulness and perseverance, the river has created a wonderful subterranean world abundant with caves, passages, collapse dolines, natural bridges and ponors – **the Škocjan Caves system**. Inside the cave, the river reaches a depth of over 200 metres, continues its mysterious journey for about 30 km towards the north-west and returns to the surface in the springs of Timavo River at the Gulf of Trieste.

- A guided tour of the world-famous Škocjan Caves: the tour takes visitors through the Silent Cave, which is abundant with stalactites and stalagmites, through one of the largest underground canyons in Europe and ends in Velika dolina.
- Tour 'Along the Reka into the Underground World': the trail runs across the park's surface, descends into the Mahorčič and Marinič Caves, located below the village of Škocjan, and runs through Mala dolina to the natural bridge and through Velika dolina back to the surface.
- Tour of the 'Promotion and Congress Centre Pr' Nanetovh'.
- Tour of museum collections: an ecological collection at the J'kopin Barn; a biological, geological and archaeological collection at the Delez Farm and a collection on exploration of caves in the visitor centre.



J'kopin Barn



Rimstone dams

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and one of the most beautiful cultural and historical monuments in Slovenia. As one of the world's most exclusive and outstanding destinations with a rich cultural heritage it is currently in the process of being listed **as a UNESCO world heritage site**.

Its crowning glory are the white Lipizzaners, which fascinate visitors with their beauty, elegance and graceful movements during presentations of the **Lipica Classical Riding School**. Visitors have an opportunity to watch the official training sessions, during which bonds of trust are formed between the white stallions and the riders.

You are warmly invited to visit the Lipica Stud Farm, which is open year-round and is the only historic stud farm in the world that can be toured in its entirety by means of a mobile app.

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- presentations of the Lipica Classical Riding School
- official training sessions of the Lipica Classical Riding School
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Lake Cerknica



Lake Cerknica

NATURAL WONDERS

THE CLASSICAL KARST

Lake Cerknica has been exciting the imagination and arousing the curiosity of explorers, locals and visitors since time immemorial. The intermittent lake is located on the largest Slovenian karst polje. In autumn and spring, it is full of water, while in summer it is usually completely dry, revealing deep swallow holes and extensive grassland under a thick layer of the lake alluvium. The water flows into the lake from surface influents and from different directions through the subterra-

nean world. Visitors are attracted by the unusual phenomenon of sinking water, as well as by the abundance of fauna. The lake area boasts the nesting sites of 94 species of birds, with more than 230 different bird species having been observed here so far. From the lake, the water disappears through swallow holes, continuing its journey between Cerknica and Planina Poljes underground to **Rakov Škocjan**, a karst depression.



Rakov Škocjan



Photo safari in the area of Lož Valley and Mašun



Križna Cave



Lake Bloke

Križna Cave (Cross Cave) is located on the border of the municipalities of Cerknica, Loška dolina and Bloke.

A special feature of one of Europe's most beautiful water caves are **underground lakes with sinter dams**. In the past, **bones of the cave bear** have been found here. However, it is not only the underground lakes that are interesting in this area. One of the surface lakes is **Lake Bloke**, where visitors can during the summer cool off with a swim in the warm lake water, or skate on the lake surface in

the winter. Many visitors and locals enjoy fishing, as the lake is home to the **carp, trout and common rudd**.

One of Slovenia's shorter rivers is the 30-kilometre long **River Iška**, which has a number of springs and a highly linear riverflow.

A typical karst polje is **Lož Valley**, although in terms of its location, shape and water conditions it differs greatly from other karst poljes in the area. Apart from the water-related attractions, the natural world here is open and fairly flat.

Meadows, fields and woodland stretch at an altitude of between 570 and 590 metres. All of the waters in the valley are high and unable to flow through the subterranean passages past the polje. In autumn, heavy rainfall can thus result in frequent flooding.

A unique cultural feature of this part of the Karst are 'ostrnice' in the fields of Lož Valley – stacks with hay temporarily stacked around the pruned tops of coniferous trees.



Valley of River Iška



'Ostrnica' (haystacks) in Lož Valley



Lake Petelinje

Along its course, the **River Pivka** repeatedly disappears into the underground and changes its name. A unique feature of the Pivka area are numerous **intermittent lakes**, all unique in terms of their characteristics. The largest of the lakes is **Lake Palčje**, whose intermittent nature changes slightly every year. The lake is filled with water for about a quarter of a year, depending on the amount of rain. Another special feature of this area are butterflies; in fact, more than half of all the species ever observed in Slovenia live in this area.

Another very interesting lake is Lake Petelinje, the second largest intermittent lake. At times of the highest water levels, it extends over 55 hectares, its depth

reaching between 5 and 7 metres. Of all the lakes, this lake remains filled with water for the longest period, even up to half a year. One of its unique features is its lack of connectedness with other waters, as a result of which it is not inhabited by any fish, but visitors might spot a special lake inhabitant, a 5-millimetre large **crab**, which can no longer be seen anywhere else.

The gorge of River Glinščica, which boasts a number of interesting features and natural splendours along its length of two and a half kilometres, is a breathtaking sight. The gorge's precipitous walls are in some places more than 300 metres high.

While the source of the River Glinščica is in Slovenia, the river flows into the sea in Italy. Its precipitous walls of rock make the gorge so unique that visitors do not have a feeling they are actually so near the Adriatic Sea.

Along its course, the **River Reka** passes three countries. It originates in Croatia, runs partly above the surface and partly beneath the surface in Slovenia, and flows into the sea in Italy. In Slovenia, its subterranean interplay with rock has created a number of beautiful caves. On the surface, the river is a **true paradise** for all passionate and amateur fishermen, who spend their free time enjoying its splendours.



Glinščica



Fishing in the River Reka

Veliki Snežnik, the highest peak of the Snežnik Plateau, is located at an altitude of 1,796 metres. The area of Snežnik is home to numerous endangered and endemic plant species and is inhabited by rare and endemic animal species. The area boasts some of Slovenia's classical animal habitats and unique nesting sites.

The centre of the town of Sežana features the **Sežana Botanical Garden**, which was set up in 1848. Over the years, the garden was expanded and planted with various plants and seeds from all over the world. Nowadays, visitors can admire century-and-a-half-year-old cedars, circular flower beds, blossoming pergolas and almost 200 species of plants.

The abundance of natural splendours in the Karst is rounded off with three unique caves.

Cave Dimnice is located where the karst world meets the non-karst world. Cave visitors can admire a fine collection of karst features.

Its karst caverns and formations make the cave a suitable candidate to be included in the Guinness World Records.

Vilenica Cave has been open to visitors since 1633 and is considered to be **the first show cave in Europe**. In addition to its magnificent nature the cave is nowadays famous as a venue for the annual **Vilenica International Literary Festival**.

Divača Cave is approximately 700 metres in length, whereof 500 are open to visitors. The cave's grandest feature is **the Treasure Hall with white-red draperies, helictites and large crystals**.





Snežnik Castle

CULTURAL HERITAGE

THE CLASSICAL KARST

A fairytale-like feeling of the landscape is conjured up by the small and large castles. Castles and churches are a big part of architectural cultural heritage of the Karst region. Various buildings throughout the Karst area house different types of museums.

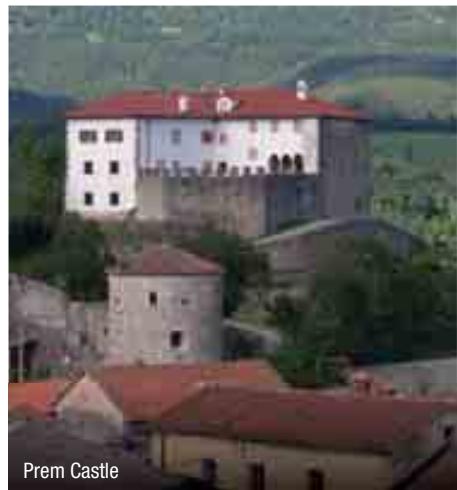
Snežnik Castle is the most beautiful and best-known castle of the Lož Valley. The castle, which is located below the Snežnik

Mountain, enchants visitors with its mightiness, whitewashed exterior, and reflection in the little lake in front of it. The castle has been situated here since the 11th century. During its long history, it underwent a number of changes and now features a **medieval core**, as well as **Renaissance** and **Baroque elements**. Visitors can also admire its interior, which contains preserved **original equipment**

of the last noble family to have lived here prior to WWII. The castle houses a **museum of residential culture of the 19th century** and the adjacent dairy building a **hunting and dormouse museum**. The hill next to the village of Zelše, on the edge of Lake Cerknica, is the location of the **Church of St. Volbenk**. The church ground plan is shaped like a **three-leaved clover** and the bell tower dates



Church of St. Volbenk, Zelše



Prem Castle



Permanent exhibition Karst Museum

back to the High Baroque.

Standing proudly on the hill above the village of Prem is **Prem Castle**, which has been located here since **1213**. The ground plan of the two-storey castle building is L-shaped. The castle's Romanesque core features an extension and a small walled courtyard. The outer Renaissance walls and cylindrical towers used to protect the village from attackers. The inner courtyard features Renaissance arcades and a small well in the middle. The castle houses an extensive **museum exhibition** with information about **the history of the valley of River Reka**.

In the Karst, rock is in abundance, whereas the quantity of soil and water does not suffice for life. With its interplay between water and rock, nature created wonderful landscapes and man used rock to create great wonders. In this part of the world, cultivating the karst and changing it into an agricultural, forested and living environment allowed man to survive. The things that people consider to be important, magical and unique are exhibited in museums. There is a special museum devoted to the Karst – the **Karst Museum** within **the Notranjska Museum Postojna**, where visitors can learn about the wealth of nature and the art of man's resourcefulness when it



Notranjska Museum Postojna

comes to living in the Karst.

On the lookout ridge above the village of Šilentabor is the location of **the Church of St. Martin**, which features a presbytery with Gothic groins and frescoes dating back to 1464. Near the church, the remains of once the largest anti-Turkish complex in what is now Slovenia remain visible even today.

Next to the Pivka – Ilirska Bistrica road is the location of the **Park of Military History Pivka** – a museum-tourism centre situated within a complex of old Pivka barracks. The extensive tank-, artillery- and aviation-related collection and a new exhibition on the birth of the Slovenian state and the 1991 war for its independence make the Park of Military History Pivka the largest museum complex in the Republic of Slovenia and the largest military-history complex in this part of Europe.



Church of St. Martin, Šilentabor



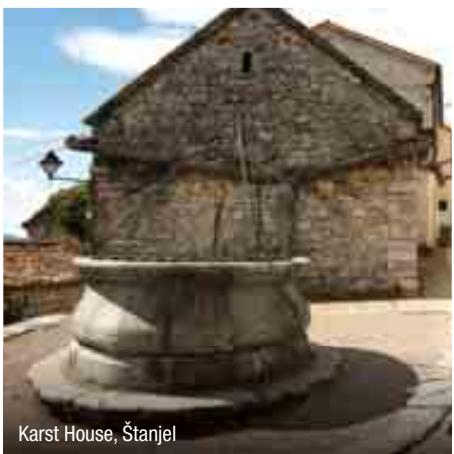
Park of Military History, Pivka



Park of Military History, Pivka, a wooden tank



Štanjel



Karst House, Štanjel

In addition to all the colours of nature, another special feature of the Karst is the aesthetic elements resulting from the co-existence between man and the environment. Man, stone and nature are here so intertwined that man's stone creations feel colourful, natural and playful.

Štanjel is located at the top of the 363-metre high Turn hill. Here, visitors can admire the remains of a Roman defense tower and the **Štanjel Castle**. The castle houses a permanent exhibition, staged in the **Lojze Spacal Gallery**. The

narrow streets with stone houses add to the fairytale-like feeling of the village. The **Karst House**, a true historic monument, is **the oldest preserved building** with architectural features of the original Karst houses. Visitors can enjoy an extensive **ethnological exhibition**.

The village of Sveti boasts the **Church of St. Giles**, which was constructed in the 16th century and built on at a later time. Its Renaissance-style appearance was thus slowly turned into a Baroque-style one. The interior of the



Church of St. Giles, Sveti



Debela Griza Hillfort, Volčji Grad



The museum complex at the Škratelj Homestead, Divača

church features an **octagonal nave** and a wooden ceiling arched above it; the ceiling, supported by a central pillar engraved with the year **1682**, is the most special feature of the church.

The village of **Volčji Grad** is known for the prehistoric **Debela Griža Hillfort** from the Hallstatt period. The hillfort is encircled by a well preserved stone wall. The village of Divača is the home of **the Museum of Slovenian Film Actors**, which is housed in the **Škratelj Homestead**, the oldest preserved Karst house from the 17th century. The museum illustrates the history of the film and film actors in Slovenia, and presents the first Slovenian film star, **Ita Rina**. The museum also features an outdoor cinema area, which is occasionally used for other events and gatherings.

Stone has been used to build anything from shepherd's dwellings to military facilities since time immemorial. Hidden in nature, in an environment most suitable for the herd, visitors can peek into **a shepherd's dwelling**. With a bit of imagination, they can visualise the story of man's coexistence with nature since ancient times. **The village of Lokev**, the

largest village in the Karst, is home to the Military Museum Tabor, which is housed in a defense tower and listed as one of the Guinness World Records.

In the roadside village of **Senožeče**, which was first mentioned in written sources in the 12th century, visitors can admire a **toll house**, which dates back to the 13th century, when a lot of traffic passed through here. Throughout history, various owners collected the toll for the transported goods.



Permanent exhibition of the Museum of Slovenian Film Actors



A shepherd's dwelling in the Karst region



Military Museum Tabor, Lokev



Toll house, Senožeče

CULINARY DELIGHTS

OF THE BRKINI, THE KARST AND THE NOTRANJSKA REGION



Traditional štruklji, cooked rolled dumplings



A must-try dish of the Brkini Fruit Road: plum dumplings

Visit the KARST region on the sunny side of the Alps with a view towards the sea. The locals have always been in contact with the people of Central Europe who traded with Trieste and the Venetian Republic. Travel along the wine road and you will be invited into wine cellars to taste the famous red wine Teran. Its strawberry-like flavour, sparkling freshness, the lactic acid and iron content provide it with a beneficial healing effect, which strengthens blood vessels and the heart and aids in a good memory.

One of the region's special features are the so-called 'osmice', hospitable farms where wine growers sell non-bottled wine with a designation of origin. A good climate, experience, knowledge and tradition have been put to good use to make local dry-cured ham, pancetta and cured pork neck meat, which are among the culinary specialities with a protected designation of origin. Take some time and let yourselves be seduced by the scent and flavour of local dishes, for example juicy lamb served with 'mlinci' (hot water-soaked flatbread), which evokes memories of the warmth of wood-fired ovens. A lot of attention is devoted to fes-



A fireplace where cooking used to be done on an open fire



Teran wine for health and strength



Locals will serve you hand-sliced dry-cured ham



Karst honey among thousands of flowers



Medicinal Karst juniper brandy and Brkini plum brandy must always be at hand

tive dishes. Typical Easter dishes include cooked ham or ham baked in bread dough served with grated horseradish, Easter eggs and walnut 'potica' (traditional Slovenian cake). The spring is heralded by herbal 'frtalje' (omelette-like dishes) made from juicy parts of wild asparagus, lemon balm, sage, elderflower and acacia flowers. Our ancestors always made sure they had time to rest and eat good food, for instance 'struklji' (cooked rolled dumplings) with a rich cottage cheese or walnut filling and filling plum dumplings. Autumn is abundant with seasonal produce – potatoes, beans, barley, turnips, cabbage, kohlrabi, Savoy cabbage and celeriac.

The famous 'jota', a hearty stew, is made from turnips or cabbage, beans and potatoes. Stews are always cooked with a piece of cured pork.

A well-known dish from the Notranjska region is a trio of kohlrabi, beans and potatoes. Kohlrabi is used to prepare a whole range of interesting dishes paired with meat. In Brkini, you will get to taste a cream of kohlrabi-and-Savoy cabbage soup, as well as delicious blood sausages ('krvavice') and liver sausages, barley dishes and millet porridge. The area is also known for its filling buckwheat, potato and maize 'žganci' (a grits-like dish).



You will be pampered with beef soup with homemade noodles, broth-cooked meat, beefsteak with an egg, veal stew, veal roulade, braised beef with cooked dough, carters' goulash and tripe. The restaurants are filled with an especially tempting aroma whenever game dishes with tasty buckwheat polenta are being prepared. The area around Lake Cerknica will tempt you with dishes made from cured fish, especially trout, pike, carp and tench. In autumn, a good choice are the Brkini apples, dried fruit and chestnut, walnut

and persimmon desserts. To aid your physical well-being and digestion you will be offered blueberry liqueur, Brkini plum brandy or Karst juniper brandy ('kraški brinjevec'), which is known as a home remedy with a wide range of beneficial effects. You can also take a small piece of the Karst home: stonemasonry wares, dry-cured ham, small bottles of Teran, juniper brandy or plum brandy, local honey or herbs.

Docent Dr Stanislav Renčelj



Filling buckwheat 'žganci' with chicken stew



Festive walnut 'potica'



Refreshing Teran wine sauce with dry-cured ham and polenta



Delicious mushroom minestrone soup



Potatoes with sauerkraut and liver sausage

MAJOR EVENTS

TRADITION PAIRED WITH SOCIALISING



Living Nativity Scene in Postojna Cave

BLOKE PLATEAU



BLOKE CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING FESTIVAL,

Nova vas, Bloke, February

HIKE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARTIN KRPAN

Nova vas, Bloke, April

MIHAEL'S FAIR

Nova vas, Bloke, September

BLOKE PLATEAU RUN

September

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CERKNICA



TRADITIONAL CERKNICA CARNIVAL

Cerknica, February

NOTRANSKA REGIONAL PARK DAY

Lake Cerknica, May

RUN AROUND LAKE CERKNICA

Dolenje Jezero, June

SUMMER EVENING WITH THE CERKNICA BRASS BAND

Cerknica, June

DIVAČA



TRADITIONAL WALK ALONG THE PONOR OF THE RIVER REKA

Škocjan, April

ŠKOCJAN CAVES PARK DAY

Belajtna, Škocjan, May

ŠKOCJAN FESTIVAL

Škocjan, June – July

SHEPHERDS' GAMES

Senožete, July – August

HRPELJE - KOZINA



TRADITIONAL HIKE

Open Border, Beka-Botač, March

CONCERT IN TINJELOVA PEČINA

Tinjelova pečina near Materija, August

CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

Rodik, October

APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Tatre, October

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ILIRSKA BISTRICA



CARNIVAL – ‘PUST JE PRŠU’
Ilirska Bistrica, February

**CHORAL FESTIVAL
'PRIMORSKA SINGS'**
Ilirska Bistrica, March

FARMERS' MARKET
Ilirska Bistrica, September

**ETHNOLOGICAL EVENT
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY**
Harije, December

KOMEN



**ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL
'BR'STOVSKA ŠPARGLJADA'**
Brestovica, April

KARST LAVENDER FESTIVAL
Ivanji Grad, June

ISONZO FRONT HIKE
Brestovica, October

THE FEAST OF SAINT MARTIN
Štanjel, November

ŠTANJEL RUN
Štanjel, December

LOŽ VALLEY



**EVENING CONCERTS AND
EXHIBITIONS**
Snežnik Castle, May – October

**IN THE LAND OF 'OSTRNICE'
FLOATING CASTLE**
Lož Valley, May/July

DORMOUSE HUNTING NIGHT
At Snežnik Castle, October

**HIKE ALONG THE PATH OF THE LOŽ
VALLEY HERITAGE**
Lož, October

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PIVKA



**HIKE AROUND THE SEASONAL
LAKES OF PIVKA**

The Seasonal Lakes of Pivka Nature Park, April/September

PETELINJE RUN, Petelinje, May

FESTIVAL OF MILITARY HISTORY
Park of Military History Pivka, September

**FLAVOURS OF THE SEASONAL
LAKES OF PIVKA**

The Seasonal Lakes of Pivka Nature Park, October

POSTOJNA



**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Postojna, June – September

CART-HORSE DRIVERS' FESTIVAL
Postojna Cave Park, July

**CULTURAL FESTIVAL
'ZMAJ 'MA MLADE'**
Postojna, August

**LIVING NATIVITY SCENE IN
POSTOJNA CAVE**

December

SEŽANA



KARST HALF MARATHON
Sežana, March

**TERAN AND DRY-CURED
HAM FESTIVAL**
Dutovlje, August

LIPICA STUD FARM DAY
Lipica, September

MONTH OF KARST CUISINE
Karst, October/November

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DAY TRIPS

BRKINI, THE KARST, THE NOTRANJSKA REGION

A TRAIN RIDE AROUND POSTOJNA CAVE AND A TOUR OF PREDJAMA CASTLE

POSTOJNA → tour of Postojna Cave and the EXPO Postojna Cave Karst exhibition

LUNCH → Restaurant Proteus

PREDJAMA → tour of Predjama Castle



AROUND THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD OF THE NOTRANJSKA REGION

LAKE CERKNICA → tour of the Museum of Lake Cerknica, a ride with a hay cart along Lake Cerknica

LUNCH → Levar agritourism farm, Dolenje Jezero

KRIŽNA CAVE → a boat ride on the first lake

KOZARIŠČE IN LOŽ VALLEY → tour of Snežnik Castle and the Dormouse Museum



CAVE TREKKING AND UNDERGROUND ADVENTURES

POSTOJNA, PIVKA AND BLACK CAVES → trekking tour 'Following in the Footsteps of Luka Čeč'

OTOK CAVE → carbide lamp-lit tour of Otok Cave

DINNER → themed dinner at the restaurant of Jamski Dvorec Mansion



AROUND THE PIVKA BASIN WITH MARTIN KRPAK

PIVKA → tour of the Park of Military History Pivka, the strongholds on the Primož hill and the Šobec Homestead in Kal

LUNCH → agritourism farm Pri Andrejevih, Narin

PIVKA BASIN → walk around the Seasonal Lakes of Pivka Nature Park and a tour of the Ecomuseum



DAY TRIP ALONG THE BRKINI FRUIT ROAD

ILIRSKA BISTRICA → Hodnik's Mill and a walk to the park

PREM → Prem Castle and Dragotin Kette memorial room

LUNCH → Agritourism Farm Ivankotovi, Prem

HARIJE → visit to a distillery and tasting of the Brkini plum brandy and local culinary treats



Individual day trips can be combined to make multiple-day trips.
For organisation of tours and additional information, contact the Tourist Information Centres.



COMBINATION OF KARST AND BRKINI EXPERIENCES

VREMŠČICA → sheep milk cheese tasting

DIVAČA → tour of Divača Cave

SLIVJE → Cave Dimnica and the church with frescoes by Tone Kralj, Brkini plum brandy and Karst juniper brandy tasting

RODIK → tour of the Rodik Myth Park

VALLEY OF RIVER GLINŠČICA → Beka–Botač Trail of Friendship



THE KARST BY BICYCLE

SEŽANA → tour of the Botanical Garden

ŠTANJEL → tour of the village and the Ferrari Garden

LUNCH → agritourism farm, Štanjel

VOLČJI GRAD → tour of the prehistoric hillfort Debela griža

PLISKOVICA → visit to a karst homestead - Hostel Pliskovica

DUTOVLJE → Pepa's Karst Garden and Pepa's story



FROM THE MAGICAL SUBTERRANEAN WORLD TO THE WHITE LIPIZZANERS

DIVAČA → tour of the Škratelj Homestead and the Museum of Slovenian Film Actors

ŠKOCJAN CAVES PARK → tour of the park and the caves

LUNCH → local inn, Lokev

LIPICA STUD FARM → stud farm and Lipizzaner Museum Lipikum

SEŽANA → wine tasting at a 150-year-old wine cellar



AROUND THE LOWER KARST

BRESTOVICA PRI KOMNU → hiking along the trail of the Isonzo Front

GORJANSKO → a military cemetery from World War I

TASTING → Teran wine and lunch at a local homestead

OPATJE SELO → walk along "The Karst Path of Peace", The Memorial to the Defenders of the Slovenian Homeland on Cerje hill, Cave Pečinka



AROUND THE HEART OF THE KARST

SEŽANA → tour of the Dragotin Kette memorial room, the Sežana Botanical Garden, the oldest vine in the Karst and tasting of local wines

KARST → guided tour of the Karst Living Museum

LUNCH → inn, Štorje

VRHOV LJVE → stonemasonry and stone carving heritage

LOKEV → tour of Vilenica Cave



Hand-sliced dry-cured ham



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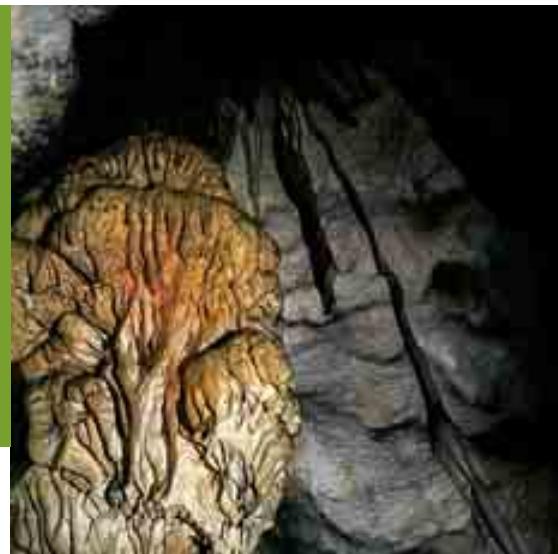
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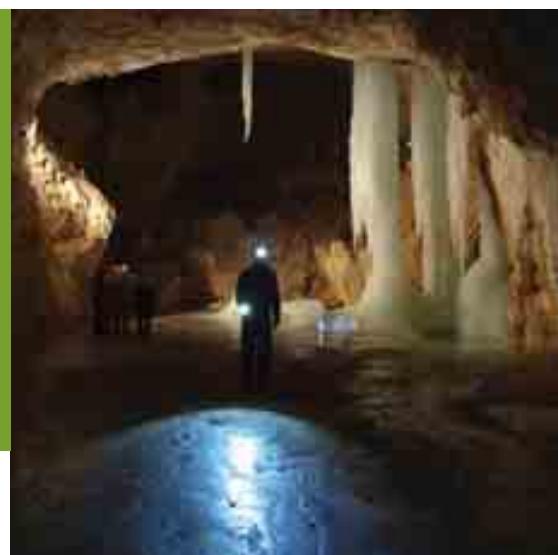
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Snežna Cave ('Snow Cave'), the highest-lying show cave in Slovenia, which is just over a kilometre in length, is located on the mountainside of Raduha. Helmets and headlamps are required to visit the cave, as only the first cave hall is illuminated. The only ice cave set up for visitors will fascinate you with its ice stalactites, stalagmites and other ice formations, which can be seen year-round. The cave can only be visited in the company of a guide.

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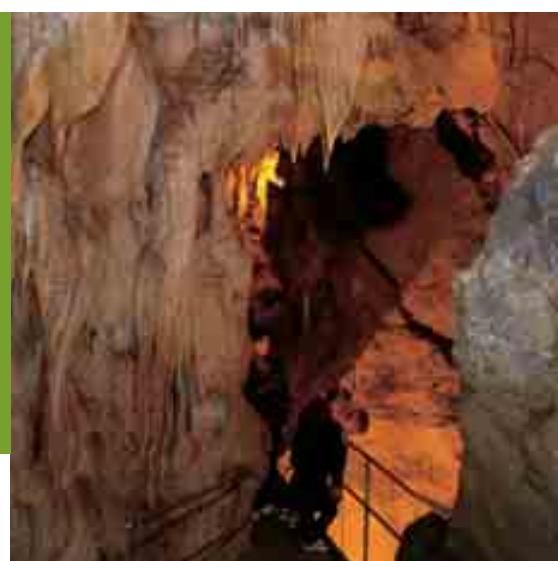
ŽELEZNA CAVE

Two large shafts, the halls of Železna Cave ('Iron Cave') are connected through a passage and bridges. At the bottom of both chambers, water disappears underground, leaving the traces of its presence under the ceiling and on the ground on a narrow metre-long section, which connects the two chambers. The small cave boasts a wonderful variety of different shapes of stalagmites, stalactites, gours and small draperies.

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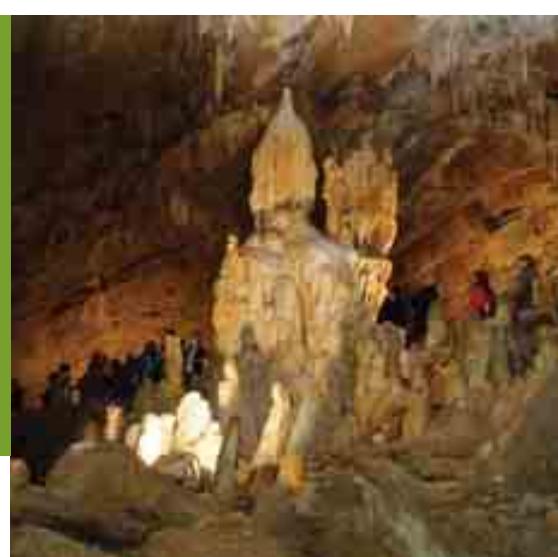
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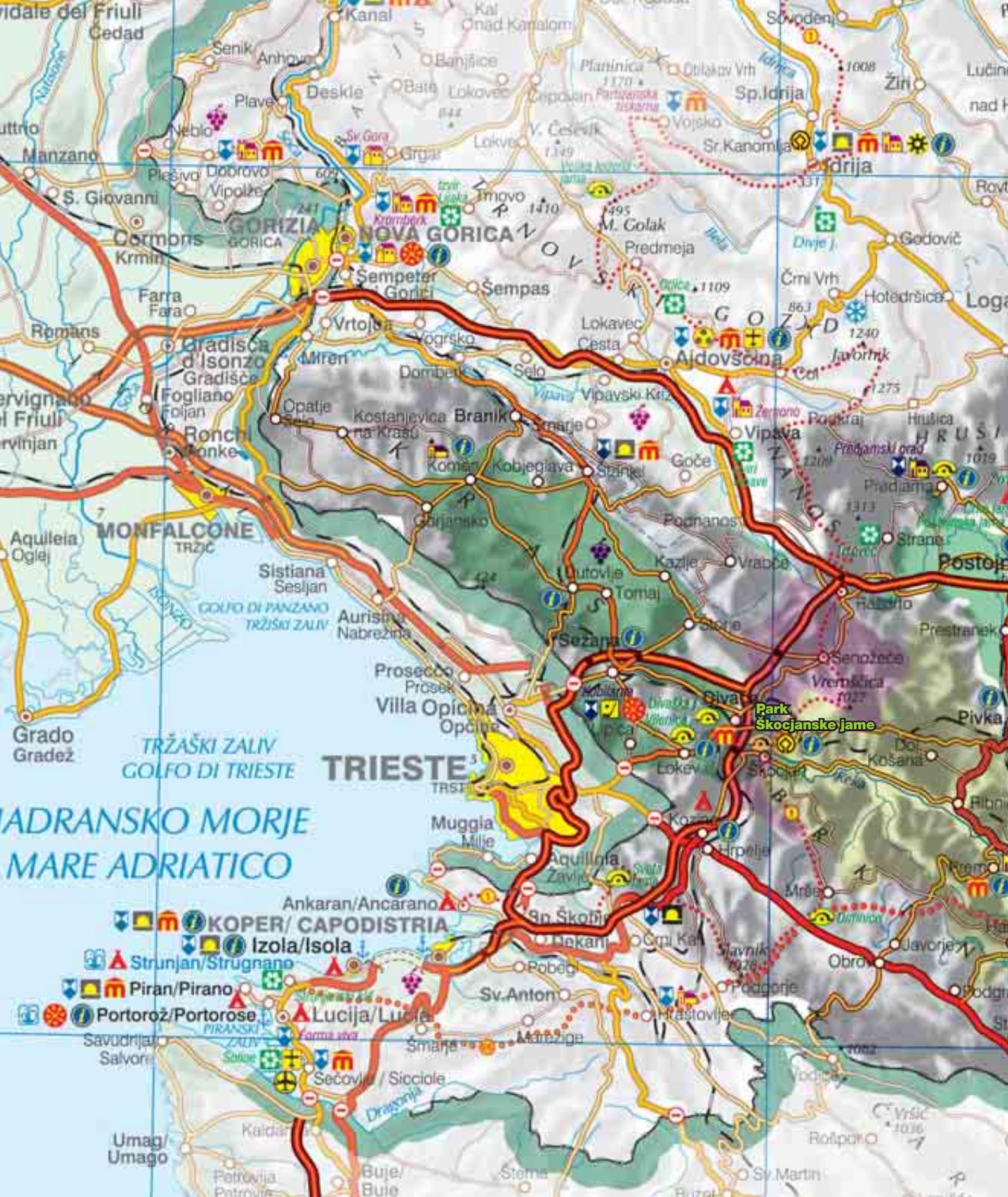
The karst marvel of the Dolenjska region is located near Grosuplje. The cave hall closest to the entrance, Ledenica, aroused readers' curiosity even back in the 17th century, in the book The Glory of the Duchy of Carniola by Johann Weichard Valvasor. The cave boasts groups of magnificent cave formations, which make visitors feel like dwarfs, as well as the details of various karst features. In seven of the cave's halls with electric lighting, visitors can admire a large variety of magnificent cave formations.

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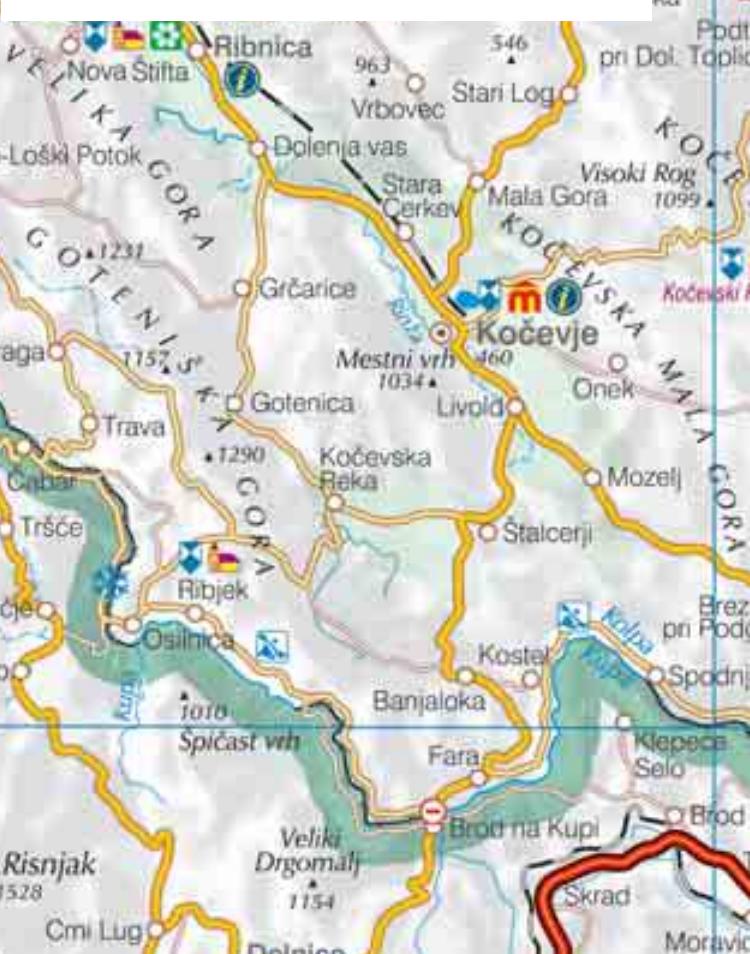


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- international border crossing
- main road
- panoramic railway
- museum train
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- winter sports centre
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- casino
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- wine-producing region
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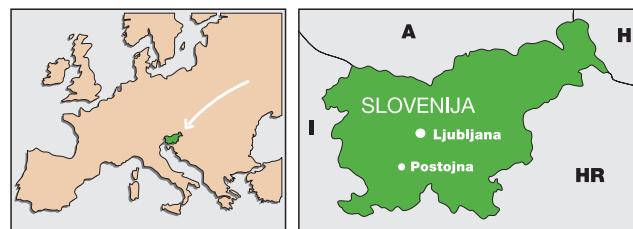
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