SLOVENIAN ALPS
GORENJSKA
Sunny side of life
Slovenia’s Alps - Gorenjska.
Diverse landscape, with high peaks linking Slovenia with Italy and Austria. Rivers and valleys from the Alps to the Mediterranean. Bringing people together! New stories and rich heritage.

So nice, so easy!
TAKE A BREATH!
Such a tiny piece of the world that with a glance on Google Earth at a height of 39.4 km you will experience everything in a single moment, the Alps and the Mediterranean in one view!

TAKE A BREAK!
Visit Alpine Slovenia – the Gorenjska region, with Ljubljana’s international airport at its heart providing easy access from all of Europe’s capitals; whilst by road it is only few hours away from some of the continent’s largest urban centres.

PIECE OF CAKE!
Nowhere are the highest alpine walls so accessible; few places are so beloved by kings, presidents and artists from the world over. Where else is nature so easily accessible? Slovenia’s Alps are very accessible. In this pastoral idyll life still reflects an ancient way of life: medieval towns, age-old ironworks and dancing to the rhythm of popular folk melodies. …It’s so simple and so close!

SO, TAKE A BREATH, TAKE A BREAK, PIECE OF CAKE!
Each day offers something different. Sample what we have to offer.
Triglav National Park
Heritage under the Slovenia’s highest mountain after which the park was named.
Bled.
The most eminent of crystal clear Alpine lakes.
Medieval towns with legendary stories from the past.
SLOVENIA’S ALPS

The white limestone summits of the Julian Alps, of which Triglav (2,864 m) is the highest. The jagged panoramic ridge of the Karavanken range dominates the green pastures below. The Kamnik-Savinja Alps, white peaks rising from verdant forests. The rolling subalpine hills, joyous walking country.
All genuine fairy-tales begin with “Once upon a time…” and end “And they lived happily ever after.” When you enter the Triglav National Park, you realize that there’s no end to a fairy-tale, and that you are its main character. Traversing wild flower pastures swept by a warm Mediterranean wind, relishing the reflection in crystal clear mountain lakes, and in every contact with the limestone mountains.
reaching to the sky, allowing you to
discover yourself. Triglav National Park
which connects botanists and romantics
the world over is one of the oldest such
parks in Europe. The high hanging valley
of Sedmera Jezera – where the story of the
park actually started – is one of the gems
of the entire European Alps. The park is a
synonym for untamed nature which can
be discovered by way of enjoyable well-
marked scenic routes. Every visit to the
Triglav National Park will make you feel
as though this was your first; such perfect
beauty can never be familiar.

• NATURAL HERITAGE:
glaciated lakes, gorges, ravines,
waterfalls, karstic caves, alpine
flora and fauna.

• CULTURAL HERITAGE:
traditional highland architecture
and ethnographic heritage,
pastoral farming, mining,
smelting and iron working.

• ENTER! Triglavska Roža
information centre (Bled);
Trenta Lodge information centre
(Trenta); Pocar Farm (Zgornja
Radovna).

www.tnp.si
Discover a story

BLED: IMAGO PARADISI! FOR YOU AND FOR KINGS! By the unique lake with an island and thermal sources, learn true stories about celebrities and discover why they were in love with this part of the world!
www.bled.si

GORJE – POKLJUKA: BASIC WAY OF LIFE
Above this village with a tradition of bell-making, a plateau covered with woods, herdsmen's huts and energy points. Become a hunter again!
www.gorje.si

BOHINJ: ULTIMATE BEAUTY
Find your true image in the reflections of nature beside the largest glaciated lake in Slovenia. Surrender to imagination and revel in the delights of a pastoral life.
www.bohinj.si

KRANJSKA GORA: WORLD CLASS EXPERIENCE
A sport and tourist resort beloved by alpine champions located in a wonderland watched over by Ajdovska Deklica, the face of a young woman visible in the rock.
www.kranjska-gora.si

RADOVLJICA - ŽIROVNICA: ALL SWEETNESS OF LIFE
Cross the moat and among the museums and galleries of this medieval town listen to the buzzing of bees and the most famous of alpine dance melodies.
www.radvljica.si; www.zirovnica.eu

JEZERSKO: A PASTORAL IDYLL
At one of the most beautiful plateaus, above a heart-shaped lake and not far from the source of magnesium-rich water.
www.jezersko.si

CERKLJE - KRVACE: SO EASY AND SO HIGH
An easily accessible plateau close to Slovenia's capital, attracts skiers in winter and hikers in summer; while the home-like ease and comfort of the town below is inviting.
www.cerklje.si; www rtc-krvavec.si

ŠKOFJA LOKA: SO BEAUTIFUL, SO MYSTERIOUS
In this, the best preserved medieval town in Slovenia, you can admire the guild traditions and revive the passion path.
www.lto-blegos.si; www.skojaloaka.si
POLJANSKA DOLINA: A LANDSCAPE OF INSPIRATION FOR ARTISTS
Gorenja Vas-Poljane and Žiri boast a landscape of artistic inspiration and mysterious subterranean fortifications. The mighty farmsteads are a genuine experience you should not miss!
www.obcina-gvp.si; www.ziri.si

KRANJ: HAUTE COUTURE OF ANCIENT JEWELLERY
In one of the oldest towns of the Slovenes, above a wild river canyon and underground tunnels, your eyes will feast on jewellery from the golden age of Carnia.
www.tourism-kranj.si

NAKLO: BECOME A BRIGAND FOR A DAY
Paths through the forest, which once provided shelter for bandits and brigands, lead to a fluvial terrace replete with springs, karstic caves and abysses.
www.naklo.si; www.turizem-naklo.si

ŠENČUR: HAVING POTATOES MEANS LUCK
In the proximity of a lake, which is home to 140 species of birds, there is a place with vast fields and a monument honouring potatoes!
www.sencur.si

PREDDVOR: COURT OF TRANQUIL NATURE
In the place of legends situated beside a lake, take a walk among exotic trees and along a tree-lined avenue, the crowns of which intertwine to hide forbidden love.
www.preddvor-tourism.si

TRŽIČ: WHERE RADETZKY BEGAN HIS MARCH
Where the celebrated General Radetzky started his march, he left behind some amazing stories; this is possibly the only town in Europe where the houses had to have cast-iron portals.
www.trzic.si

ŽELEZNIKI: THE ARCHITECT OF FORTUNE
Enjoy an unforgettable experience in a town of nails and lace, and try making the typical Železniki bobbin lace with your own hands.
www.zelezniki.si; www.jzr.si

JESENICE: STEEL AND DAFFODILS
Travel through time below the plateau of white daffodils! In the town of steel, highlands and hockey surrender to the reflections of steel and stories of the past.
www.jesenice-tourism.net
Share the experience of kings who, throughout history, have been fascinated by a view of the lake with an island and a church in its middle, overlooked by a castle situated on high cliffs above the lake – *image of paradise* were the words used by one of Europe’s greatest poets, France Prešeren, to describe the temple of the ancient Slavic goddess Živa. In addition you can enjoy the beneficent effect of the climate which back...
in the 19th century stimulated Swiss doctor Arnold Rikli to establish a cosmopolitan spa resort based on the healing properties of local water, air and sun. Visit the sites, and relish unforgettable dinners for two at the castle courtyard. Bled offers fascinating beauty, and Queen Sophia of Spain, Japan’s Princess Saiko, Sophia Loren and a host of others would undoubtedly agree. Indeed, this has always been a destination popular with kings and presidents, whereas it provides inspiration to poets and novelists from the world over at their annual PEN meetings. The town is a majestic chamberlain at the gate of the Kingdom of the Goldenhorn, the very soul of Julian Alps and the Gorenjska region. When you visit the church on the island, don’t forget to ring the bell so that your wishes come true!
Gorje and Pokljuka provide the possibility and an excellent opportunity to really experience a pristine way of life – with skis and a rifle or a bow you can become a hunter, though your prey is actually a target and this genuine experience of nature is known as biathlon. You may also take pleasure in picking wild strawberries, blueberries or mushrooms in the meadows, or just take a walk.
STEP INTO NATURE AND BEYOND

• VINTGAR GORGE: the wild ravine of the Radovna stream with the Šum waterfall, the largest free-falling watercourse in Slovenia.

• POKLJUKA: A highland plateau of herdsmen’s huts and infinite trails – in winter it is frequented by cross-country skiers and biathletes, and is the location of the only biathlon centre in Slovenia.

• POKLJUKA FOREST: The largest expanse of forest in the Triglav National Park.

• POKLJUKA GORGE: This ravine, the greatest fossil resource in Slovenia, features natural arches, precipitous overhanging rocks, caves, as well as gallery walkways crossing its narrow-most parts.

• HIGHLAND MOOR: The upland marshes left behind by the Pokljuka glacier are among the southernmost in Europe and are a natural habitat of sphagnum moss.

• BELL-MAKING AT GORJE: Visit the famous foundry and forge workshops where the tradition of hand-made cow bells is illustrated both in words and pictures.

through unspoiled nature across a perfectly flat plateau which is not far from the highest Alpine peaks; in the shade of ancient spruces the air filled with the scent of flowers and resin. Pokljuka is also renowned for a number of powerful energy points. This is where heaven meets earth.
Bohinj is like a rare treasure where we can discover our peaceful side in the reflections of magnificent nature. It is an inspiring place where time is still synchronised with rhythms of nature. Contemplative calm and silence, Bohinj is also a venue in which adrenaline is spent in an unspoiled wilderness, a place where, amidst the waters, mountain peaks and endless shades of white, a person can find their true self.
CULTURAL HERITAGE

• CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AT RIBČEV LAZ: Church at the lakeside on the banks of the Sava Bohinjka River, which is, together with the adjacent bridge and view across the lake, somewhat symbolic of Bohinj. The Church’s frescoes of two white devils and singing angels are quite a surprise.

• PASTORAL MUSEUM AT STARÁ FUŽINA: Preserved wooden herdsmen’s huts (1849) from the Zajamniki highland plateau; the museum is located in the former dairy replete with its original equipment and cheese-making plant.

• DOUBLE-HAYRACKS (STOGI) IN STUDOR: A group of typical double-hayracks at the outskirts of the village, where there’s also the Oplen Homestead, an open-air folk museum.

• THE TRIESTE - VIENNA RAILWAY - TRANSALPINA: Opened in 1906, this railway today offers vintage steam train rides. This triumph of engineering passes through many tunnels, the longest of which near Bohinj is 6,327m!

The white waters of the Savica waterfall, white devils depicted on the wall of the Church of St. John, mountain peaks mirrored in the placid lake, and the milk from the Alpine meadows reflect all the purity of this region in the heart of the Triglav National Park. Agatha Christie, who knew the worst traits of human nature, reputedly said that Bohinj is a place too beautiful for murder.
**NATURAL HERITAGE**

- **BOHINJ LAKE:** The largest glaciated lake in Slovenia, which is some 4,100 m long, up to 1,200 m wide and up to 45 m deep, is suitable for swimming in summer.

- **SAVICA WATERFALL:** The underground course of this waterfall, which has inspired great many poems, is divided into two parts which fall heights of 78 and 25 metres. One of the most often visited waterfalls in Slovenia can be accessed by a hiking path.

- **MOSTNICA GORGE AND DEVIL’S BRIDGE:** Rising from three waterfalls, Mostnica has carved a 2 km-long ravine downstream. The Devil’s Bridge was built over its deepest point in 1777.
Kranjska Gora and its superb natural surroundings simply encourage visitors to try new activities. Its ski slopes host the world champions of today and tomorrow, whilst at Planica – one of the most beautiful valleys in the Alps – one and two hundred-metre ski jumps were recorded and a 250-metre flight is definitely within the reach. One of the greatest and most precipitous mountain
walls in Europe helped write the history of world mountaineering and witnessed one of the great feats of human achievement. The landscape allows everyone to set their own personal records and memorable experience. Those interested in technical climbing may experience the mighty power of highest walls, whereas families with children can visit the Alpine world of Prisank, the magical mountain giant and Ajdovska Deklica, the face of a young woman visible in its north wall. Kranjska Gora has another advantage: here you don't have to do anything to enjoy yourself.
CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES

• Kranjska Gora is an internationally renowned sports and tourist centre, as well as the competition venue for the Vitranc Cup, which annually attracts the world’s best alpine skiers. The boundless white slopes hereabouts are perfect for all kinds of winter sports!

• Planica with its ski hills is synonymous with record ski flights, while in summer this green valley attracts mountaineers and hikers.

• Vršič invites cyclists to test themselves on the winding ascent up to the pass. This area has a great network of cycle paths and trails, including easy ones suitable for families.
What is sweeter than honey, more cheerful than music, or more delightful than the pure pleasure of excellent cuisine? A touch of timeless art… Radovljica and Žirovnica provide a creative cultural counterpoint to Bled’s natural attractions, in particular due to the combination of the romantic civic life of the old town centre of Radovljica, home

Radovljica and Žirovnica
All sweetness of life
OLD AND SWEET

• RADOVLJICA OLD TOWN CENTRE: Encircling the original medieval walls of the Graščina (Thurn Manor), is the only surviving water-filled moat in Slovenia; there is also the Vidič House and the Mali House with its stocks, the Church of St. Peter, the Šivec House, as well as other unique examples of medieval and renaissance architecture.

• APICULTURE MUSEUM: The museum displays the indigenous Carniolan honey bee – the Carniolan Grey – painted beehive panels and other Slovenian beekeeping particularities and achievements.

• BREZNICA AND ANTON JANŠA’S BEEHIVE: Reconstruction of the 18th century beehive belonging to Anton Janša, the father of Carniolan apiculture.

• VRBA: The birthplace of France Prešeren, Slovenia’s most important poet, and the village centre with its linden tree and stones on which the elders sat and discussed parish business.

• KAMEN CASTLE: The ruins of the castle of the Lamberg nobility; in the vicinity there’s also the Katzenstein Mansion with a park and tree-lined avenue.

• AVSENIK: The traditional homestead of the Avsenik Brothers, perpetrators of popular Slovenian folk music, famous throughout the world.

• RADOVLJICA FESTIVAL: Slovenia’s oldest international festival with musicians playing early and contemporary music on historical instruments.

of Slovenia’s first dramatist Anton Tomaž Linhart, and the rich cultural landscape whose beehives and singular beehive panels took the fame of local apiculture all over the world. If we add the nearby village of Vrba, birthplace of one of the greatest poets of European romanticism, France Prešeren, the fabulous Kamen Castle with its knightly tournaments and heroic history, together with the renowned folk music of the Avsenik Brothers, we have a very special place where one can literally and symbolically experience the dolce vita.
• ŠENK FARMHOUSE: Over 400 years old, this farmstead together with its mountain backdrop is a symbol of Jezersko.

• PLANŠARSKO JEZERO: This little heart-shaped lake allows boating in summer, and skating in winter. It is also the venue for the Sheep Ball held every August which revives the traditions, manners and customs of transhumance.

• ANKOVA WATERFALLS AND MINERAL SPRING: Mineral water from the spring above the Ankova farmstead has the highest magnesium content of all mineral waters in Slovenia. There are hidden waterfalls deep in the forest above the spring.

• JEZERSKI VRH: 1,218 m high mountain pass (to Austria), which can be accessed by road, offers magnificent views of Jezersko.

• JENKOVA KASARNA – JENKO BARRACKS: The rural and highland museum in a former hospice for travellers features inscriptions made by 16th century visitors.

• ČEŠKA KOČA: Legendary mountain hut which fully preserved its more than 100 years old original countenance.

Jezersko is a very special and unique alpine community… wild and, at the same time, as gentle as a new-born lamb. The most serene profession in these parts is that of a herdsman, the most courageous an alpine guide, and the easiest tourist guide. Everything is within your reach!
You want an hour of your time to last for a day? It’s so easy and so high. It takes you only 15 minutes to get from an international airport to an alpine world in which one can enjoy freshly made cottage cheese. In winter, Krvavec is the most easily accessible ski centre in Slovenia – the closest to Ljubljana, and thus not so very far from Paris or London either.

In winter, this easily accessible mountain close to the Slovenian capital attracts skiers, whilst in summer it is a popular destination for hikers. The hospitable village below welcomes visitors all year around.

Cerklje - Krvavec
So easy and so high
Škofja Loka is a unique gem of the Slovenian medieval architecture, the most beautiful and authentically preserved medieval town. It relives mystic life of a bygone era in a passion play. This street theatre performance of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ involves hundreds of performers and takes place every six years. Škofja Loka is the town of silent walks and speechless admiration, of artists and all those with a sense of beauty. This is a lot more than just another town and just another experience.
FLASHBACKS OF A PASSIONATE ERA

- A UNIQUE VEDUTA: The old medieval core and its extraordinary architectural heritage with the grand houses of eminent burgers, frescoed facades, portals, atria, churches, as well as the old Rotovž (Town Hall) and Granary.

- ŠKOFJA LOKA CASTLE AND MUSEUM: Accessed along a route which takes one past the town walls and ditch, up to the castle with its museum. Among other exhibits are the heritage collections of ancient guilds as well as crafts which are revived in the museum workshops.

- CAPUCHIN BRIDGE: Over six-hundred years old stone bridge with the statue of St. John Nepomuk, patron of bridges, and the Škofja Loka coat-of-arms depicting the legendary blackamoor.

- CAPUCHIN MONASTERY: Houses a collection of valuable incunabula and ancient manuscripts, including the Škofja Loka Passion Play, the oldest dramatic text in the Slovenian language written by the monk Romuald Marušič in 1721.

- ŠKOFJA LOKA PASSION PLAY: Procession and performance through the town’s streets and squares involving several hundred participants, due to take place next in 2015!
The magnificent isolated farmhouses stand like castles at panoramic points, whereas the hayracks like watch towers cast shadows and beat time over and over again. The momentous events of centuries of history rarely affected the hard-working locals and every-day pace of life in these places. But when it finally did, it left behind bunkers and fortresses dominating the best panoramic points and most beautiful
IN SEARCH OF INSPIRATION

• TAVČAR MANOR AT VISOKO: Late 18th-century farm architecture, home of the author Ivan Tavčar (1851-1923).

• FORTIFICATIONS OF THE RUPNIK LINE: The remains of a defence line with fortifications and a system of subterranean tunnels built as a defence against Axis invasion. You can visit with a guide.

• ŽIRI MUSEUM: Collection and multi-vision presentation of the 1922 Treaty of Rapallo, which drew up new borders and ultimately led to the creation of the numerous fortifications hereabouts; the museum also holds shoe-making and bobbin lace collections.

• BOBBIN LACE GALLERY: Masterpieces by dexterous hands – which also make a perfect souvenir.

• HOTAVLJE MARBLE: Quarry of the characteristic reddish marble, with a possibility of a guided tour.

• STONE TABLE: The creative play of nature which, in the image of stone, draws attention to the typical karstic landscape.

• TRADITIONAL FARM TOURISM: Refresh yourself at hospitable local farms.

venues. Poljane, Gorenja Vas, Žiri are authentic locales in a valley which found its place in the literature of Ivan Tavčar. The nobility of reddish marble from Hotavlje, the subterranean labyrinths of the Rupnik line, the white slopes of Stari Vrh, the ancient Topličar hot spring, and in particular the precious solitude of the hills – such is the beauty and life that may be experienced the way it used to be.
«God’s blessing on all nations» so begins Slovenia’s national anthem, and the statues of writers and poets, rather than war heroes, are to be found in this country’s town centres. With its statue of France Prešeren, one of the greatest poets of European romanticism as well as the author of the above line, and a number of other important Slovenes, Kranj is the cradle of Slovenian national identity. It is also one of

Kranj
Haute Couture of ancient jewellery
Carniola's oldest towns, although this strategic locale at the picturesque confluence of Sava and Kokra rivers, had long before been fought over by tribes of mighty warriors before the arrival of settlers who were to become the forefathers of the Slovene. Fabulous jewellery belonging to migrating Slav tribes, who arrived here some 1,500 years ago, remains a major attraction of the town's regional museum. A walk through the old town centre and past the Khislstein Castle to a mysterious underground world, the highlights of ancient fashion, poetry over good food and wine, and a glass-plate photograph by Janez Puhar, a local pioneer of plate photography – it shall all make your day memorable: women, due to the jewellery; and men, due to a woman's smile captured on fragile glass.
Naklo

Become a brigand for a day

Not many stories of famous bandits can be relived in such an authentic way as the story of the Naklo brigands. Walk the trails of outlaws who preferred to live in clandestine communities rather than submit to the draft. You can see some beautiful sights and at the same time have great fun. It is never too late to change your profession – for one day at least!

HIDEOUTS

• UDIN BORŠT: A nature trail with karstic features and sedge peat bog, which can be accessed via the Brigand Trail.

• TABOR: The 15th century fortification built on a rock provided a shelter from marauding Turkish armies, whereas the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows is adorned by a Virgin Mary painted by the Slovenian impressionist painter Ivana Kobilica.

• NAKLO RAILWAY: The locomotive at the former railway station is all that remains of a line constructed in 1908.

• VOGVAR HOUSE: Legend has it that brigands once lived here; today it houses an ethnographical museum.
Šenčur

Having potatoes means luck

When, in the Gorenjska region, a person says that you “have potatoes”, it means that you are lucky. In Šenčur, a pleasant and well-tended town in the middle of the Gorenjska plain, there is a monument to the humble potato. And if you are interested in what all this has to do with the Empress Maria Theresa, you should look for the answer right here amidst the vast fields of potatoes.

HAVE GODLA AND VISIT THE BIRDS

• ŠENČUR GODLA: A traditional Šenčur dish served with potatoes in their jackets. In winter, you may experience the Day of Godla.

• TRBOJE LAKE: The lake area is visited by 130 bird species.

• ZARICA GORGE: With a boat you can visit the gorge featuring rocky habitat of a number of wild flowers species.
• TURN CASTLE: Home of the first Slovenian poetess and writer, Josipina Turnograjska; a memorial room dedicated to her memory, while there is a bust of her on the facade and a summerhouse above the castle. In the neighbourhood there are also the Dvor and Hrib castles as well as the ruins of the Pusti or Novi Castle.

• ČRNAVA LAKE: In summer, this lake with its mysterious dark green waters is a popular destination of fishermen and rowing enthusiasts whilst in winter it is a perfect venue for ice skating.

• WEDDING AVENUE: Newlyweds take a walk under the intertwined crowns of ash trees which – according to legend – guarantee them fifty years of fidelity in their marriage.

• HUDIČEV BORŠT: A patch of forest which, according to legend, the devil himself carried upon his shoulders to the otherwise barren slopes of Zaplata, a mountain with a number of hiking trails and good launch-points for paragliders.

The story of Preddvor is also a story of four manors and a romantic tale of a beautiful young poetess Josipina Turnograjska, who retired from the bourgeois salons to the splendid court of tranquil nature, the then worldly Preddvor. Take a walk with her along still paths in the foothills of magnificent mountains, or spend a day beside the dark green lake…
OPEN YOUR EYES

• OLD TOWN: Containing many listed buildings including houses with metal shutters and doors; as a consequence of many bridges over its watercourses, Tržič is known as the Venice of Gorenjska.

• NEUHAUS MANSION AND FUŽINA GERMOKA: The palatial home of general Josef Radetzy von Radetz situated above the old town, with its smith’s workshop and a partially preserved water mill which once operated the machinery.

• TRŽIČ MUSEUM: Located in the Zgornja Kajža, a manor in the classical style. Here traditional Tržič crafts are displayed, including charcoal-burning, shoe-making, hosiery and the wheelwright’s trade.

• MAUTHAUSEN MEMORIAL PARK: During World War Two, prisoners from the Mauthausen concentration camp were forced, in unbearable conditions, to excavate a 1.5 km long tunnel through the rock through the Karavanken ridge.

• DOVŽAN GORGE: The Tržiška Bistrica river carved an astonishing gorge through picturesque Palaeozoic rock. The Gorge today features panoramic, geological and forest nature trails.

What is so special about Tržič? Between his battles with Napoleon the famous general Josef Radetzy – whose march is performed by the Vienna Philharmonic every New Year’s Day with key people from Austrian society in attendance beating its rhythm with their hands – took time to marry and, in this very town, purchased a mansion for 60,000 Gulden from his mother-in-law. Why? He simply liked the place! He was a man of excellent taste.
Visit Železniki and experience the place where fortune has, for centuries, been forged in the shape of a nail. In this picturesque borough, which doesn’t seem to have changed its countenance over the ages, women once assisted their men-folk at the forge, while at the same time men and children helped women in making wonderfully intricate local lace. Ironwork and lace, strength and delicacy combined. Get yourself a handmade nail for good luck and a memory of this amazing place.
A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME AND NATURE

• STARA SAVA: The preserved former ironworks settlement includes the Bucelleni-Ruard Manor, the Jesuit Church of the Assumption of Mary, the Kasarna - “barracks” - a former tenement block, and other industrial remains.

• DAFFODILS UNDER GOLICA: Millions of white narcissi blossom each May in this the greenest part of the Karavanken, which is a European Natura 2000 site.

• PRISTAVA AND ZOIS PARK: Only few minutes away from the city bustle, the first botanical garden in Slovenia offers visitors a special experience of nature.

• ICE HOCKEY: The Jesenice ice hockey club, with a long tradition and a great many National Championship titles behind them, invite you to visit their games and join the Red Steeler fans in their enthusiastic support!

Has the beauty of a century-old industrial complex ever struck you as much as that of a theatre or an opera house? Did you ever wonder why? You might find the answer in a story of steel and daffodils, of hard work and dreams of beauty. Beautiful and magnificent as a cathedral, the more than a century old Stara Sava – an erstwhile steel mill settlement – seems like a sanctuary of human strength and faith in progress. Thus a near totally preserved industrial heritage site relates the story of the almost slave-like existence of its workers, who lived in housing owned by the mill's magnate and even had to buy their bread from him. It also tells of the iron used for the construction of Eiffel Tower, the steel of the Titanic and the composite alloys used in the Large Hadron Collider - world’s largest particle accelerator - at CERN. And then, as if by magic, each May the mountains above the town are covered in millions of white daffodils reflected in the iron, steel and the eyes staring out from old pictures.
For inquisitive eyes: 
The nature of Alpine Slovenia

PROTECTED NATURAL SITES
Boasting a number of special habitats, the Triglav National Park is the largest and the earliest protected natural heritage site in the country. The Udin Boršt nature and memorial park near Kranj, with its forest reserve and special botanical features, is also worth a visit. The Zelenci nature reserve near Kranjska Gora encompasses the springs and the small emerald lakes which provide the Sava Dolinka with its source. Gorenjska has 91 registered protected heritage sites and monuments! The region also adjoins the Kamnik-Savinja Alps regional park, within which is located the southernmost glacier in the eastern Alps.

MOUNTAINS AND HIGHLANDS
Nearly two-thirds of Gorenjska is mountainous. Take a look at the summits of the Julian Alps including Triglav as well as numerous other peaks of over two-thousand metres, and visit the Karavanken ridge with Stol (“the chair”). Let somebody direct you to Grintovec, the highest mountain in the Kamnik-Savinja Alps. In addition to Pokljuka, there are also numerous highland pastures, each attractive in its own way, while the trails lead one down into the beautiful valleys and on through the subalpine hills. Explore and enjoy!

LAKES
Lake Bled with its island, Bohinj, the country’s largest lake, and the famous Seven Lakes Valley in the Triglav National Park are the best known of Slovenia’s alpine lakes. Discover too the Črnava Lake in Preddvor, Planšarsko Jezero at Jezersko, Trboje Lake near Naklo, together with numerous other aqueous mirrors reflecting the images of mountains.

WATERFALLS AND RIVERS
The Savica Waterfall near Bohinj is the country’s most visited, and has inspired a great many poems; the upper and lower Peričnik waterfalls in the Vrata Valley, the three-stage Martuljek Waterfalls not far from Kranjska Gora, the powerful Šum Waterfall at the gorge (Vintgar) near Bled are just some of the gems of this region. You can also visit - among many others - the sources of the Sava, the longest river in the country, as well as the confluence of the Sava Dolinka and Sava Bohinjka at Radovljica; the springs of the Sora, and the confluence of the two streams at Škofja Loka, together with the Kokra which enters the Sava after passing through a wild gorge in the centre of Kranj.

RAVINES AND GORGES
The mysterious Vintgar Gorge near Bled has been accessible by wooden bridges and walkways since 1893; there is also the Pokljuka Gorge with its natural bridges, pools and rapids, as well as the Dovžan Gorge with its Palaeozoic fossils that excite the imagination and invite one into its shade on hot summer days.

FAUNA AND FLORA
Nearly half of the Gorenjska region falls within biodiversity conservation sites in the context of Europe’s Natura 2000 network. Such areas are habitats of endemic plants, many named after renown botanists from these territories, the migration routes of bears, and home of chamois and ibex; while if you are lucky you might hear the capercaillie or observe more than one-hundred species of birds.
CASTLES, MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES
In addition to the region's most frequently visited castle above Lake Bled, there are castles, mansions and manors in nearly every town. They often host museums and galleries which display local artefacts and heritage. The most precious heritage is preserved at the Regional Museum (Gorenjski Muzej) in Kranj, the Castle Museum in Škofja Loka, Radovljica Municipal Museum, Šivec House and gallery in Radovljica, the Museum of Hostages in Begunje, Apiculture Museum in Radovljica, Tržič Museum, Železniki Museum, Stara Sava - the former steel mill quarter in Jesenice, Triglav Museum Collection in Mojstrana, and the Foundry Museum in Kropa. Kropa village is itself a genuine open-air museum – and protected as such. Further to the larger museums, there are numerous smaller specialised museums, such as the museum of masks in Šenčur, pastoral farming in Bohinj, photographic equipment in Gorenja Vas, honey-bread confectionary in Radovljica, village museum in Mošnje and many others.

EVENTS AND FESTIVALS
The most important events in Slovenia's Alps are international sports competitions: the Vitranc Cup, an annual world championship ski event in Kranjska Gora, ski flying from the jumps at Planica near Kranjska Gora, world biathlon competitions on Pokljuka, rowing competitions and regattas at Bled. The largest traditional and entertainment events include Shoe-making Sunday in Tržič, Lace-making Days in Železniki, Potato Day in Šenčur, Avsenik Music Evenings in Begunje, and Kekec Days for children in Kranjska Gora. The most popular entertainment events are Bled Days and Bled Nights held each July, the May First Meeting in Šobec near Bled, Alpine Evening (May) and Folk Music Night (November) at Bled, Summer Season Opening in Kranjska Gora, as well as open-air New Year's Eve celebrations in most of the region's alpine towns. The Gorenjska region is also the venue for a number of international festivals, including the Bled Festival of classical music, Okarina Bled Festival of ethno music, and the Festival of Early Music in Radovljica. In spring, there is the Wild Flower Festival in Bohinj and numerous festivals in Kranj – such as the Carniola Festival, Jazz Kamp and Kranfest with the Kranj Night.

CULINARY DELIGHTS
The Gorenjska region is renown for its excellent cuisine. Try Bohinj cheese, Kranj sausage, honey breads from Škofja Loka, godla from Šenčur, Bled cream cake, a great many specialities from fish and game, and sweet delights made with honey. You might also try some typically Slovenian and Gorenjskan specialities at the Centre of Culinary Arts not far from Cerklje. Heritage events with food tastings are organised throughout the year in various localities across the region.
What to do?

SPORT AND RECREATION

HIKING
This is the most typical form of recreation in Slovenia’s Alps. There are numerous marked mountaineering and hiking trails, as well as nordic walking and guided trekking.

CYCLING
Mountain biking in the Alps and cycle tours through the hills and across the plains is a most excellent, invigorating and fulfilling way to take in Gorenjska’s sights and heritage.

WATER SPORTS
Boating or rowing, kayaking and rafting, and the adrenaline rush over waterfalls and rapids, diving or simply swimming… Slovenia is a country of innumerable water courses which allow all sorts of water sports.

AIR SPORTS
In addition to the Alpine sports aerodrome at Lesce near Radovljica, there are numerous launch sites for paragliders and model planes. Take off from the highest peaks, fly alone or in tandem, and expand your horizons with new adventures.

WINTER SPORTS
The most popular winter sports facilities provided by resorts in the region include Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, boarding, hockey and sledding, you can also try snow trekking (with snow shoes), biathlon or ice climbing.

EQUESTRIAN
Along bridleways and trails, at a hippodrome, or on a ranch, with a Lipizzaner or a pony… equine enthusiasts have much to look forward to. Gorenjska provides opportunities suitable for novices and experienced riders alike.

HUNTING
There are 42 game reserves in Gorenjska and well numerous local associations offering a memorable classical hunting experience as well as photo safaris in the wilderness.

FISHING
Bohinj and Bled lakes as well as other mountain lakes offer excellent fishing. Fish species characteristic of Slovenia’s Alps rivers include huchen, brown trout and grayling, while brook trout is something of a speciality.

GOLF
Slovenia’s oldest golf course is set in a superb location, nestled in the bosom of the Alps near Lake Bled, further to which there are a number of driving ranges and putting greens across the region.
SIGHTSEEING AND ADVENTURES

HERITAGE
Rich in history, and with an eclectic mix of architecture and styles, the unique atmospheres of old town centres, boroughs and villages are both charming and fascinating.

SCENIC AND THEMATIC TRAILS
By way of mountain paths, as well as forest and other nature trails, you can get to know Slovenia's Alps in a new way, in the midst of natural history and heritage.

PHOTO SAFARI
Discover birds, plants and animals special to this region. Take a camera with you, and preserve them forever in pictures.

EVENTS
Wherever you are and whenever you come, there will be something going on during your visit. Slovenia's Alps offer a wealth of sporting and cultural events, as well as a great deal of entertainment.

BUSINESS MEETINGS
The Gorenjska region is able to offer an array of conference and seminar venues and facilities, as well as infinite possibilities for motivation and team building programmes in nature.

PILGRIMAGE
This land, where ancient Slavs worshiped their goddess of fertility on an island in the middle of a lake, is rich in hilltop churches, while a great many sacred places can be accessed by way of well-trodden pilgrimage routes.

WEDDINGS
When you get married at a romantic venue in Slovenia's Alps you may truly expect your wishes come true.

ALPINE WELLNESS
Sunshine, curative waters, and fresh alpine air – the miraculous combination exerts a beneficial influence on well-being to this day. A number of spa centres in the region offer health and wellbeing programmes centred around thermal waters.

CUISINE
Surrender to the culinary delights offered by Gorenjska's restaurant, inns and farms. In this land where people still live in close symbiosis with nature, food is prepared traditionally using naturally grown ingredients.

ENTERTAINMENT
Gaming centres and casinos, which invite you to try your luck, always provide a wide assortment of entertainment. If you aspire to more, experience some of Gorenjska's annual festivals and celebrations.
01 - **Bled:** Imago paradisi. For you and for kings.
02 - **Gorje and Pokljuka:** Basic way of life
03 - **Bohinj:** Ultimate beauty
04 - **Kranska Gora:** World class experience
05 - **Radovljica – Žirovnica:** All sweetness of life
06 - **Jezersko:** A pastoral idyll
07 - **Cerklje – Krvavec:** So easy so high
08 - **Škofja Loka:** So beautiful, so mysterious
09 - Poljanska dolina / Gorenja vas - Poljane and Žiri: A landscape of inspiration for artists
10 - Kranj: Haute Couture of ancient jewellery
11 - Naklo: Become a brigand for a day
12 - Šenčur: Having potatoes means luck
13 - Preddvor: Court of tranquil nature
14 - Tržič: Where Radetzky began his march
15 - Železniki: The architect of fortune
16 - Jesenice: Steel and daffodils

Ski resort
Planica
Pokljuka
Golf
Avsenik
Sports aerodrome
International airport

LARGE SKI RESORTS
A - Kranjska Gora-Podkoren
B - Krvavec
C - Vogel
D - Kobla

SMALL SKI RESORTS
E - Stari vrh
F - Soriška planina
G - Želenica
H - Viševnik
I - Bled - Straža
J - Rudno
K - Srednja vas - Senožeta
L - Pungrat
M - Rateče
N - Gozd Martuljek
O - Mojstrana
P - Krpin
R - Španov vrh