



# Capital of the Slovenian Alps



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# Welcome to Kranj



*Kranj and its surroundings never disappoint, they can be even surprising in a very positive way. On a surface of around 150 km<sup>2</sup> the city is in touch nature and offers almost everything a resident or visitor could desire. There are many options for leisure time: culture, sport, tourism, relaxation in nature, exploring history, entertainment or something else. This is why people enjoy living in Kranj and visitors love to come back. Welcome!*

**Matjaž Rakovec, Mayor of Kranj**



*Marija and Andrej Štremfelj, locals and world-famous alpinists*

*The city of Kranj has had a very good strategic location since its beginnings. As the capital of the Gorenjska region, it is an excellent starting point for most of the Slovenian Alps, especially for mountaineers and nature lovers. The beautiful panorama is like a wreath of mountains, the Kamnik-Savinja Alps, a decoration for the city like a crown whose appearance changes with the seasons. It is this panorama that has sparked our enthusiasm for mountains since childhood and still attracts us today with undiminished power. The city is also attractive to look at from near and far, with many interesting attractions, both natural and cultural. We usually start our lectures with a photograph of Kranj and we say that we live in the most beautiful Slovenian city.*

**Marija and Andrej Štremfelj, locals and world-famous alpinists**



*A walk through the streets of KRANJ – our beautiful hometown in Slovenia – brought back many memories and also the realization of how picturesque this city is! After we travelled so much around the world, we could finally see that Kranj, with all its historically interesting and colourful houses, should really be on everyone's wish list when travelling through Slovenia. It's only a 30-minute drive to Ljubljana so do make a stop here!*

**Sonja and Jerry, travel bloggers (Myhammocktime)**

# 3 special features of Kranj

## #1 THE CAPITAL OF THE SLOVENIAN ALPS

Kranj is the only city in Slovenia from which one can see **Triglav, Stol and Grintavec**, the highest peaks of the three mountain ranges of the Slovenian Alps. You can experience the mightiness and the character of each of them by hiking, accompanied by experienced guides, or you can just admire them from the distance. With its mountain scenery of the three kings among the thousand-metre-high mountain peaks, **Kranj is the capital of the Slovenian Alps.**



**PSST! Follow your heart because it will always bring you to the right place and among the right people. It would be my pleasure to be your guide of this brochure. See you while browsing, whenever I'll suggest something special.**

*France from Kranj*

## WELCOME TO KRANJ

### VISIT FOR A FEW HOURS

*for all visitors of Slovenia who are on the road from Ljubljana to Bled*

### GREEN CITY BREAK IN SLOVENIA

*for city explorers and lovers of history and art*

### STARTING POINT TO DISCOVER SLOVENIA

*for active couples and families, adventurists and young people*

## #2 ONE FOOT IN THE CITY, THE OTHER IN NATURE

**Kranj rises above a 30-metre deep canyon, which is its special natural feature. A bridge above the Kokra River connects the two worlds – old city centre and the picturesque countryside.** The locals like to spend their afternoons with outdoor activities. Join us on hiking tours! The hills of Šmarjetna and Saint Jošt are ideal for a short trip and offer stunning views of the mountains and the valleys. You will be particularly welcomed at the farms in the countryside if you arrive on foot or by bike.

## #3 CULTURAL HEART OF SLOVENIA

**The old town of Kranj is one of the most charming ones in Slovenia. An interesting contrast to it are the modernist buildings that surround it.** At every step, you can feel people's affection for culture and for the greatest Slovenian poet, France Prešeren. Several interesting personalities have left their mark in the city in its 6000-year old history. Among the walls of the castle, towers and old town houses, cultural events take place and there is a lively art scene.

# 1

## **CITY BREAK IN THE HEART OF NATURE**

The unspoilt nature around Kranj invites you to go hiking and cycling in the summer and skiing in the winter. The views of the mountain peaks give Kranj its recognizable image. The hills of Šmarjetna Gora and St. Jošt are both reachable on foot or by a mountain bike from the city centre.

# 2

## **CHARMING TOWN AND ITS INHABITANTS**

Kranj has one of the most charming old town centres in Slovenia. The easiest way to feel the local vibe is by visiting the cafés and events there. The hospitality in the countryside is always inspiring with its warmth and cosiness. People from Kranj are famous for being honest and direct – and always ready for a chat.

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## **LEISURELY STROLL AROUND THE SHOPS**

The boutique shops are filled with local products and the vendors are always ready to tell you an anecdote or give you interesting advice. The ground floors of Kranj's old houses are places for artisan activities and handicrafts, where a variety of useful and artistic products are made.

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## **A CANYON IN THE CITY CENTRE**

The people of Kranj live in harmony with nature and the power of two rivers. The Kokra River canyon just below the old town is a unique phenomenon. A walk by the river is a refreshing experience. On the other side, the old town is embraced by the Sava River, a true paradise for fishing and fly-fishing.

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## **PLEASURES OF DELICIOUS CUISINE**

The cuisine from Kranj cannot go unnoticed when travelling anywhere in Slovenia. Who doesn't know the famous Carniolan sausage? Did you know that there is also a Kranj (Carniolan) craft beer? Together they are the ideal culinary couple. The nicest thing on hiking trips is to stop at one of the holiday farms, but also traditional inns and restaurants with a modern touch are very inviting.



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## FRESH CREATIVE ENERGY

The city of Kranj has an urban and artistic energy. Exhibition openings happen all the time: a new photo exhibition here, a wall painting there, while an exhibition of local painters invites visitors to the other side of the street. The evening programme is full with various kinds of music and other cultural events on open-air stages or in clubs.

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## GREAT PERSONALITIES OF KRANJ

The history of Kranj has been marked by many important Slovenes: our greatest poet France Prešeren, baroque painter Leopold Layer, the inventor of glass photography Janez Puhar and the publicist Janez Bleiweis. Interesting people from Kranj also contributed to today's life in the city: the world-famous film director Boštjan Hladnik and the UNESCO artist for peace Marko Pogačnik.

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## ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN MASTERPIECES

The image of the town is shaped by the bell tower of the main Gothic church of St. Cantianus and the defensive towers of the city walls. An important mark has also been left by renowned modernist architects, such as Jože Plečnik and his student Edvard Ravnikar. Kranj is also the birthplace of the industrial designer Davorin Savnik, famous for his cult telephone 'Fittipaldi' that almost every Slovenian family had at home and today is an exhibit at New York's MoMA.

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## MAGICAL SCENERY FOR EVENTS

Each year on 8 February, the traditional Prešeren Fair transforms the old town of Kranj into a scene from the 19th century, attracting more than 20,000 visitors. The locals have the most fun at the peak of the summer at the music festival Kranfest, while in the autumn, the Tunnels under the old town of Kranj are transformed into a gastronomic labyrinth.

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## BRDO ESTATE

The Brdo Estate is a monument of national significance and a real treat for tourists. This pearl is only 10 minutes away by car from the centre of Kranj and it is like Slovenia in miniature, including white Lipizzaner horses and painted beehives. On a relaxing walk through the park, you can visit the Brdo Castle, the previous castle manor house, the old orangery and hayracks covered with straw.

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## OLD TOWN OF KRANJ

The old town centre is protected as a cultural monument. You can experience everything there on a walk. Is there anything more beautiful than enjoying your time in galleries, cafés and little shops, while you discover the architectural and cultural heritage? In the main squares around the world there are often statues of political or military leaders; Kranj, on the other hand, honours poets and artists. The biggest sculpture of Prešeren stands between the city theatre and the gothic Church of Saint Cantianus.



Khislstein Castle and city walls  
with defence towers

The old town is surrounded by the walls that once had eight towers. Today, three of the towers have been renovated and their defence function was transformed into excellent venues for cultural experiences. The walls have a magnificent view of the gardens and the theatre in Khislstein Castle, which is one of the most beautiful open-air stages for cultural events in Slovenia.

Gorenjska Museum  
with the Museum Trail

The central regional museum will impress you with discoveries from the early Stone Age onwards. Interesting are the two late antique lamellar armours, rarely preserved finds bearing witness to the local elite of the 6th century, when Kranj was the largest centre of the Slavs in Slovenia. The museum trail reveals the city's history and connects five famous buildings: the Prešeren Memorial Museum, the City Hall, the Ossuary, the Gallery of Prešeren Award Laureates and Khislstein Castle.



Burgher houses

The old town is rich with houses which are a vivid memory of the early bourgeoisie era in Kranj. Take a look at the most beautiful ones: Mitničar House, Pavšlar House and old Town Hall, all of them being important parts of the identity and life of this city. For centuries, they have combined business activity on the ground floor with residential space on the upper floors. The Layer House is now a famous cultural hub.



# CITY OF PREŠEREN

Culture and the awakening of Slovenian national awareness have played a key role in the history of Kranj. Almost every corner in this city pays tribute to France Prešeren, the greatest Slovenian poet, a cosmopolitan philanthropist inspired by the spirit of Romanticism. When he was not writing, he helped his fellow citizens with legal advice.

## Gallery of Prešeren Award Laureates and Prešeren Theatre Kranj

The Pavšlar House hosts this eminent gallery, exhibiting the works of the artists who received the highest awards for fine arts in Slovenia and offering the best insight into the contemporary art scene. Close to the gallery, there is Prešeren Theatre Kranj, famous for its excellent ensemble and socially engaged performances.



## Prešeren's House and Prešeren Grove

The poet lived in Kranj in the middle of the 19th century. The best way to get to know him is to visit his house with its original furniture. The poet found his final resting place in a beautiful grove which is now a memorial park, also with other famous Slovenians from Kranj. The atmosphere there is very calm.



## Kranj City Library

Prešeren's verses in his own handwriting adorn the facade of the City Library, which is like a 'living room of Kranj'. Here you can spend a whole day reading magazines, books or browsing the web free of charge and visit the film and music room. The modern architecture of the library is also very attractive, as the Globus building was designed by the renowned architect Edvard Ravnikar.

## PSST! Follow your heart →

*Explore the corners of the city that are associated with Prešeren, together with local tourist guides. They have a lot of interesting things about Prešeren up their sleeve.*



# EXPLORE THE CITY & ENJOY IT

Experience the real Kranj atmosphere and feel the lively city. Meet locals who enjoy the pulse of the city and the nature in the countryside. There is a proper dose of adventures in the urban environment and nature, which should please you as well. Spend some time in the city's cafes, chat with producers of organic products, try some Slovenian cheese, and don't miss the local art exhibitions or a concert in the alternative scene.



## City cafes

Start your day in one of the lovely cafes of the old town. Coffee or tea? Anything else? Would you like to have a beautiful view, some lively hustle and bustle in a street or a quiet corner? The cafes of Kranj offer something for every taste. Ask the staff for a weekly calendar of cultural events and plan how to spend your days and evenings.

## Environmentally conscious city

By joining the Slovenian Green Scheme, Kranj has committed itself to a sustainable approach. This is noticeable not only in relation to our handling of waste, drinking water and mobility. In recent years the organic products in the city markets experienced a real boom, and locals are happy to shop at Krajček and Eko škrnici. Do take a walk along Prešernova ulica to Figa Delicatessen and buy some true delicacies from all over Slovenia.



## Urban galleries

The old townhouses offer protected spaces for contemporary artistic expression. Even the city's cafes, towers, hidden gardens and streets are often turned into galleries. Take a look at one of the many galleries while strolling through the old town, discover the street exhibitions – art in all its diversity will certainly warm your heart.





### Craft workshops in the city

In the past, Kranj was a famous centre of crafts and handicrafts. Today you can watch the artistry of master designers making clothes or learn about the successful history of social entrepreneurship in the two upcycling shops of KR Štacuna.



### King of noodles



Do you still remember the taste of pasta prepared by your grandma? The house of homemade pasta is a unique family shop, where the pasta is made right in front of your eyes. They offer various 'nudeljci', as we locally call pasta in Slovenia, among them also those made of cocoa.

### Time for music and fun

In the warm months you can easily find concerts if you just perk up your ears. The most beautiful places for concerts are the summer stage in Khislstein Castle and the Layer House, the Kavka Bar, Pungert, the Panorama Stara Pošta, KluBar, Bazen Kranj, the Rock Bar Down Town and the Trainstation SubArt. The latter is a strong place for alternative culture and a community of creative people in near vicinity to the railway station.

### PSST! Follow your heart →

*Take a piece of Kranj home with you. In the Kranjska hiša souvenir shop you can find original Slovenian souvenirs and items with typical motifs of Kranj.*



# KRANJ TASTES

In Gorenjska, love goes through the stomach. Traditionally, hearts are carved into the backs of wooden chairs in this region. Gatherings around the table, covered with dishes made from fresh and locally grown ingredients, have always brought people here together. Kranj smells deliciously in every corner – crunchy bread, succulent sausages, delicious soup or sweet treats.

## TOP 4 CULINARY EXPERIENCES

### #1

#### KRANJ CULINARY TRIO

The **sausage, craft beer and štruklji à la Kranj** are a culinary trio, named after the city of Kranj. The local chefs preserve the tradition of their preparation and improve it with modern creativity. The **Carniolan sausage** is the most typical Slovenian national dish, excellent in combination with the local **Kranj craft beer**. We always like to offer **Kranjski štruklji** (rolled dumplings with cottage cheese) to gourmets. This is a homemade dessert still today prepared by the chefs de cuisine according to the recipe of Magdalena Knafelj Pleiweis from 1868.



### #2

#### GOURMET EXPERIENCE

The inn **Gostilna Krištof** is all about mixing Slovenian traditions and the global gastronomic trends. Their dishes are based on seasonal ingredients while their philosophy of preparing food is friendly towards nature. **Gostilna Pr'Matičku** is renowned for game dishes and excellently prepared seafood. **Restaurant Sonet** is located in the old town of Kranj, pampering gourmets in a romantic atmosphere, while the elegant **restaurant Brioni** offers freshly prepared food for special occasions every day.





## #3

### SWEET TOOTH

Kranjski štruklji, an outstanding homemade dessert is best at **Gostišče Kot** in the centre of Kranj. The cafés **Kavarna Brioni**, **Carniola**, **Cukrarija** or **Panorama Stara pošta** also invite you to enjoy sweet moments with their delicious and unique desserts. You can treat yourself to some homemade lavender ice cream at **Kavarna Evropa** in the centre of the city. When the city gets hot in the summer, you can refresh yourselves on the beach of Kranj, where the café **Kavarna Bazen Kranj** awaits you.

## #4

### EVENTS FOR FOODIES

On weekends and at special events, the town centre is transformed into Kranska kuhna, where master chefs from Kranj and the inns in surrounding countryside prepare specialties live. The people from Kranj like to combine this relaxed atmosphere with a visit to the market and shopping in the city centre. This event of Kranj cuisine also takes place at some traditional events in the Tunnels under the old town of Kranj.



### PSST! Follow your heart →

*For a romantic snack on a bench in the city centre, head to the Figa Delicatessen and choose a fragrant and delicious sandwich.*

*At Cafe 12.56 in the Khislstein Castle, you can relax under the linden tree and treat yourself to a refreshing glass of mint lemonade.*

*A delicious cup of coffee and the most beautiful view over the city can be enjoyed at Panorama Stara Pošta.*



# EVENTS

Kranj is one of the liveliest cities in Slovenia, being a venue of various events in all seasons. Visit any of the concerts, exhibitions, culinary shows and artisan fairs. Today, in the castle towers and old bourgeois houses, many events take place alongside a vivid art scene.

## PREŠEREN FAIR

For this fair, Kranj is transformed into scenes from the 19th century, which is a real eye-catcher each year, attracting more than 20,000 visitors who enjoy the handicraft fair, tasting delicacies while watching folk dance performances and listening to live music. Among many interesting characters from the past, you can meet the great poet France Prešeren walking through the town together with other people who are also wearing typical bourgeois clothing and hairstyle of that time.

8 February / various locations of the city centre



## SAINT GREGORY'S DAY

In Slovenia, we have another holiday of love. According to the old folk custom, on Gregorjevo (Saint Gregory's Day) birds are getting married and spring is coming. One evening before, children come to the Kranjska hiša to build little boats, gregorčki. With candles, they send them down the Kokra River, illuminating the entire canyon beneath the city. A wonderful sight!

12 March / Kokra River canyon beneath the city centre

## THE WEEK OF SLOVENIAN DRAMA

For over 50 years, the Week of Slovenian Drama in Kranj has already been the central theatre festival in Slovenia, where the best Slovenian dramas of the previous year are performed.

End of March - beginning of April / Prešeren Theatre Kranj, Škrlovec Tower



## THE WEEK OF YOUTH

The festival for young people has lots of concerts and various activities so that Kranj smells like summer and youth already in May. These events are the first hint of long evenings, the streets come to life and love is in the air!

In the middle of May, 10 days / various locations in the city centre

## SUMMER OF CONCERTS

Kranj is the venue for many events in all seasons. But especially in the summer, the old town becomes a large amphitheatre of the Alps, the streets and courtyards are full of culture, music and entertainment. Find out about concerts at the Khislstein Open-Air Stage, under the Castle Lime Tree, at Maistrov trg, the Layer House, Pungert, KluBar, Panorama Stara Pošta, Bazen Kranj and the Trainstation SubArt. At the end of July, there's the central festival in the Gorenjska region, the Kranfest of culture, sports and cuisine.

From June to September / various locations in the city centre



## JAZZ KAMP

Jazz Kamp is one reason why the people of Kranj prefer to stay at home at the end of August instead of going on holiday. The summer scenography at Pungert on the tip of the old town is simply ideal.

The last half of August / Pungert and Café Gallery Pungert

## THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS KRANJ

This international festival of fine arts, taking place in all the galleries of Kranj, brings together and connects more than 100 fine artists from Slovenia, Europe and other continents, and at the same time it is the biggest art festival in Slovenia!

October, November / galleries of the city centre



## THE WINE ROUTE THROUGH THE TUNNELS UNDER THE OLD TOWN OF KRANJ

This gastronomic event is an exclusive attraction, as it takes place in an unusual location. In the tunnels under the old town of Kranj, winemakers from all over Slovenia present their wines. Exquisite wine tasting is complemented by local cured meats, cheeses and spreads.

In the middle of November / Tunnels under the old town of Kranj

## CHEERFUL DECEMBER

Christmas market and events with great food during the Cheerful December on various locations in the city centre are accompanied by many music shows and events for children, so you will easily fall in love with the decoration of the city and the festive lights!

From 1 to 31 December / various locations of the city centre



# GUIDED TOURS

Getting to know the city is so much fun when you have experienced guides that know many anecdotes and urban legends! We recommend also some specialised tours on the themes of cultural, architectural and natural heritage or the history of the second half of the 20th century.

## Classic guided tour of Kranj

Get to know the charming city centre through stories told by experienced guides who will take you around the city that is the home of tradition and culture. Listen to the stories about Kranj as you are walking along the Prešeren trail. Discover old town houses and stories of inhabitants, admiring the facades of monument-protected houses and get to know important historic curiosities.



## Cabinet of Janez Puhar

The first Slovenian photographer, the inventor of glass photography and author of the first real photographic selfie, Janez Puhar, has his own memorial house in Kranj, which offers visitors experiences of the 19th century. The Puhar House delights its visitors even with two adventure games: Puhar's Secret Laboratory and The Hunt for the Lost Photograph.

## Tunnels under the old town of Kranj

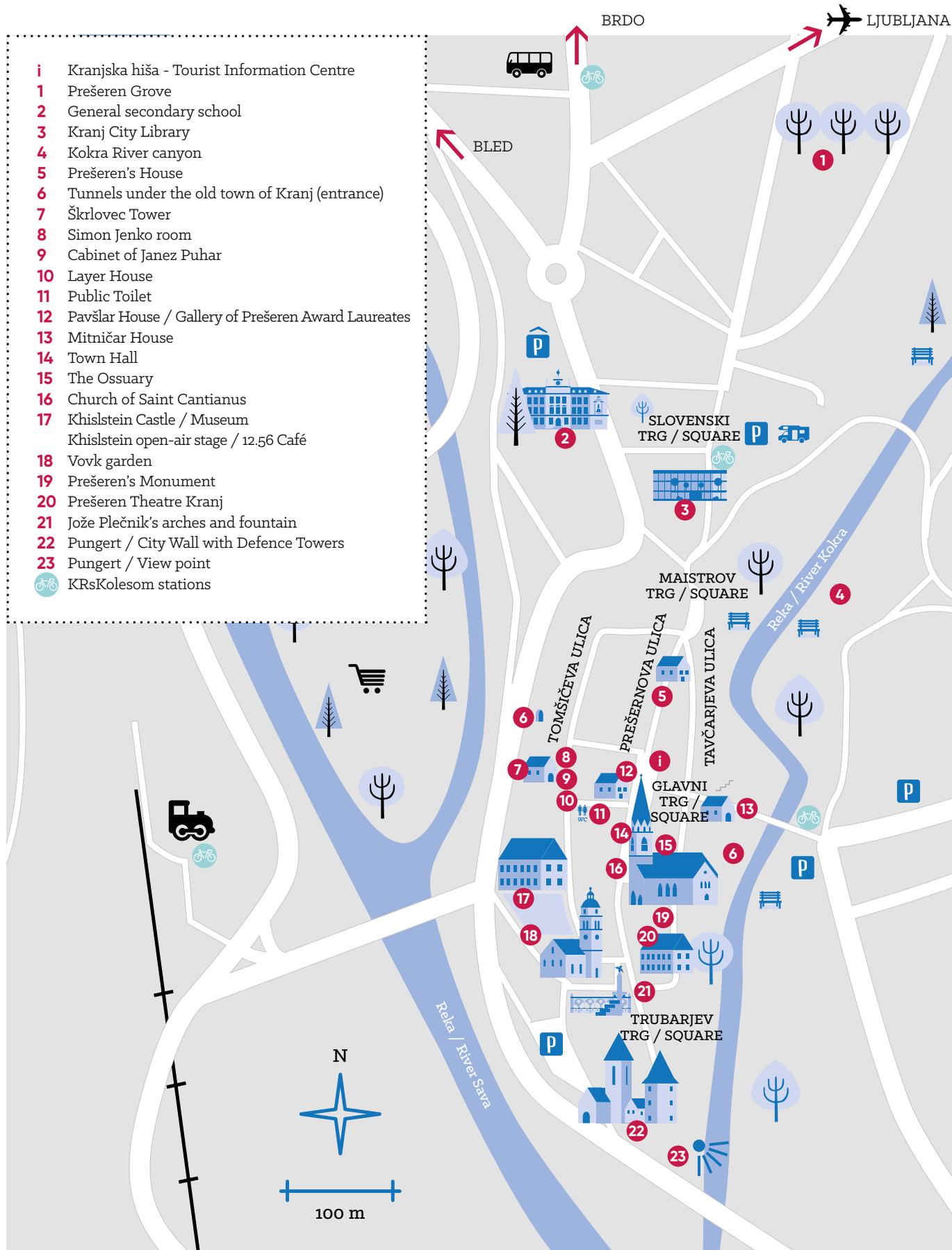
Under the old town of Kranj, there are hidden galleries and a town shelter, built during World War II. Experience a simulated air raid or admire the natural treasures of the underground, such as stalactites and cave animals. The galleries under old Kranj are the most interesting when they are bristling with the energy of traditional events, such as The Wine Route or Halloween.



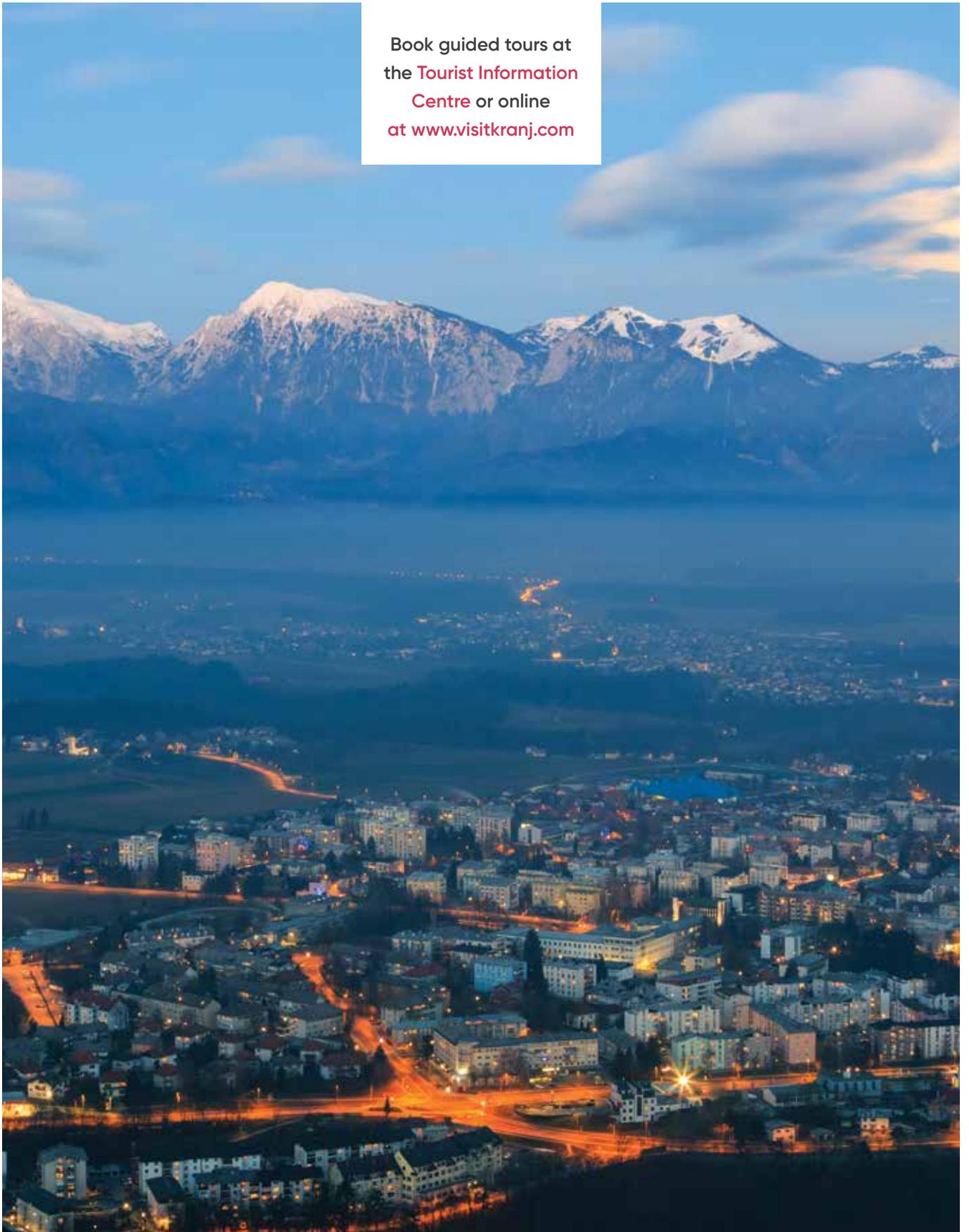
## Kokra River canyon

A special feature of Kranj is the fact that it rises above a 30-metre-deep canyon of the Kokra River, which ranks it on the second highest canyon in European cities. The canyon is a popular spot for locals, where they take a break from the city crowds and in the summer heat this is a good place to refresh. Experience Kranj like this, with one foot in the city and the other one in nature.

- i** Kranjska hiša - Tourist Information Centre
- 1** Prešeren Grove
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the **Tourist Information  
Centre** or online  
at [www.visitkranj.com](http://www.visitkranj.com)



# BRDO ESTATE

Brdo is a treasury of aristocracy in Kranj. The Renaissance castle was a residence of noble families and presidents, even today politicians from Slovenia and all over the world meet there. The surrounding park is magical in all seasons of the year and very inviting, as you can choose one of the following unique experiences.

## Adventures with horses

At Brdo you can admire 12 noble Lipizzaner horses in nature or in horse stables, ride or take an elegant carriage ride through the beautiful park.



## Indulging in delicious food

Brdo is renowned for its gourmet food that has its origin in traditional Slovenian dishes and local ingredients. In the warmer months, you can take it with you on a picnic. With a full basket of delicacies and by electric car, you can drive across the large park and enjoy the carefully prepared specialities.



## Active break

Play golf in beautiful nature of the pre-alpine landscape. Golf Brdo is a natural course with 9 holes and is ideal for beginners, since the terrain is not demanding. You can also rent the equipment and have fun at an active game.



## Relaxation for body and soul

Brdo estate is a park on almost 500 ha, a castle with impeccable lawn areas and a hunting ground, which is a nature reserve for animals. As over 1000 different plant species and over 1500 animal species live here, it is an area protected by Natura 2000 but also an excellent place in close vicinity of the town for complete relaxation in nature.



## ACTIVE BREAKS

Authentic nature, surrounding the city, is one of the biggest advantages of living in Kranj. Experience a green, active and healthy Slovenia in Kranj, which is an excellent starting point for outdoor activities. The green uplands and mighty Alps are within easy reach, as well as many hiking, walking, cycling and trekking routes.

### Hiking and walking trails

The green hills around Kranj, St. Jošt, Šmarjetna and others can easily be reached on foot from the city centre. On the top you will be awarded with beautiful views and great food. Kranj and its surroundings have several well-marked nature trails where you get to know the special natural features of Kranj.



### Alpinism and mountaineering

For more demanding Alpine peaks, such as two-thousand-metre high Storžič, Kočna and Grintovec, one would have to be in a good physical shape. You can conquer them with experienced guides, such as Marija and Andrej Štremfelj from Kranj. Did you know that they were the first couple who made it together to the roof of the world in the Himalayas and with their ascent of Everest, Andrej and Marija Štremfelj entered the Guinness Book of Records? With 40 years of climbing experience, they are now mountain guides for climbing tours on rock faces, waterfalls and ridges in the Slovenian Alps.



### Winter sports

Winters in the Gorenjska region are white and joyful and Kranj is a good starting point for winter activities. Only a few kilometres from the lively city centre you can experience skiing on the popular ski slopes of Kravec, night skiing on Stari Vrh or tour skiing on the surrounding peaks. Fans of cross-country skiing can move their legs on well-arranged trails, while the ice skaters can choose between skating on the outdoor ice rink in the city centre or in the ice skating hall Ledena dvorana in Zlato polje. The Olympic-size swimming pool offers a wide range of water activities for all generations.



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*Cycle to the hill of Saint Jošt with a mountain bike and you'll be rewarded with delicious homemade food at the alpine hut on the top.*



## Cycling

Experience the charms of the countryside, legends from villages and specialities of the local cuisine. The city is surrounded with nature and the easiest way to discover this is by bike, as such trips enable you a pristine contact with the environment, where you can really feel it. The legends about bandits, Storžič Mountain and its foothills, the relaxing Trail of Tatinec, circular cycling paths to surrounding municipalities or hills are adventures that are calling you. For experienced mountain bikers, we recommended a visit to the Krvavec Bike Park whose routes have the highest difference in altitude among all bike parks in Slovenia.



## Fishing

The embrace of two rivers and the vicinity of lakes are a real heaven for fishermen. You can get permits at the local fishing associations, who take care of the regulations and the preservation of the environment in the fishing areas. The lower course of the Kokra River is the perfect choice for lovers of fly-fishing, while the Sava River offers numerous possibilities: from boat fishing to spin fishing and coarse fishing.



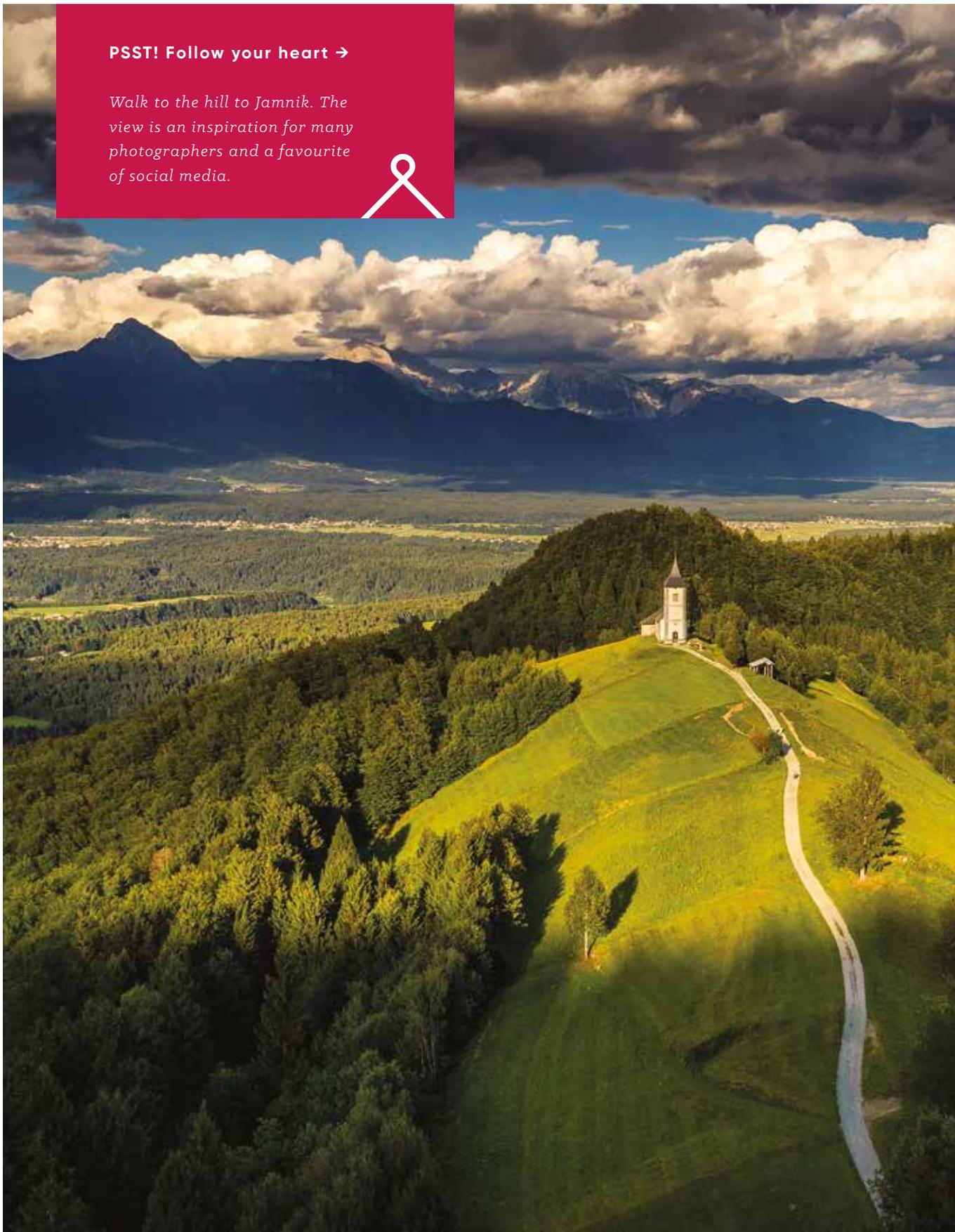
## Centre of sport trainings

Kranj has ideal conditions for trainings, with its outstanding sport infrastructure and all that teams need for good preparations. Many successful athletes trained here, including the ski-jumping champion Peter Prevc. The Serbian water polo team trained in the Kranj swimming pool before winning the Olympic Games. The Brdo national football centre regularly hosts trainings of many elite football teams and clubs.



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*Walk to the hill to Jamnik. The view is an inspiration for many photographers and a favourite of social media.*



# AROUND KRANJ

Wherever you go in Slovenia, Kranj is always close-by. As the heart of Gorenjska region, north-west of the capital city Ljubljana, Kranj is an ideal starting point for discovering Slovenia. Discover also the atmosphere of other medieval towns, such as Škofja Loka, Radovljica and Kamnik, jump (in)to the most beautiful Slovenian lakes in Bled and Bohinj or explore the mountain sports in Jezersko.

## Ljubljana

The capital of Slovenia, 'Kranj's big sister', is only 30 minutes away. Catch a train or bus and experience the European Green Capital 2016. Also in its cultural history, an important role was played by France Prešeren. The architectural character of Ljubljana in the 20th century was created by Jože Plečnik, who in many ways influenced the modern lifestyle in Ljubljana.



## Bled and Bohinj Lakes

Bled's iconic lake with the only Slovenian island and Bohinj, the largest natural lake in Slovenia, are like pearls in the heart of the Julian Alps. In the summer, they invite you to swim in the clear water, while in the winter you can skate on their frozen surface. Treat yourself to a plate of trout in Bohinj, and try the famous Bled cream cake. The easiest way to reach the beauties of nature is by taking a ride from the Kranj bus station called Globus.



## Jezersko

The unique location of the mountain valley, the hospitality of the people, local food, the quality of accommodation and the warm friendliness of the hosts are the main reasons for spending your holidays in Jezersko – the first mountaineering village in Slovenia. Experience Jezersko by hiking and cycling, get to know the work at a farm, spend some time with the locals and domestic animals, take part in their work or prepare some specialties of the local cuisine with them.



# ACCOMMODATION

A comfortable bed and genuine hospitality in Kranj provide a refreshing sleep that you'll need for discovering the town of Prešeren and the experiences in nature. You can choose between boutique and city hotels, youth hostels, holiday farms, boarding houses and private rooms.

Sweet dreams!

## HOTELS

Sophisticated guests feel most comfortable in the boutique Hotel Actum in the old town centre of Kranj. The largest hotel, Creina, with its excellent location at the entrance to the old town, caters to all tastes. Business guests and people, who are just passing through, like to book Hotel Azul that is close to the motorway and the airport. Brdo Hotel, located in the park with the same name, invites lovers of nature, while from the Bellevue Hotel on Šmarjetna gora, there is a beautiful view of the mountains and the town.

## PRIVATE ROOMS AND APARTMENTS

Rooms and apartments are available in the city centre. The Layer Residences has an artistic atmosphere. Close to the town, in an old villa with a beautiful garden, you can find Boltez Apartments. A peaceful sleep is also guaranteed in Dežman Apartments, in Das ist Walter and above the Arvaj inn by the bridge. On the outskirts of the city, a view of the Alps opens up from Hostel Valjavec and Apartments Pod Storžičem or accommodations Valjavec, Sreš, Aleš and Labore.

## HOLIDAY FARMS AND YOUTH HOSTELS

Family rooms and spacious meadows on the outskirts of the city characterise the Markun Holiday Farm. In the village Meja you can find the homestead Na Poljani, full of the scent of freshly-baked bread and genuine hospitality, as you will feel like a part of the family. Young people love staying in the city hostel Cukrarna, while the most affordable rooms are available in the youth hostel Dijaški in student home Kranj.

More on accommodation → [www.visitkranj.com/en/accommodation](http://www.visitkranj.com/en/accommodation)



## SEE YOU IN THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE KRA NJ HOUSE

In the old bourgeois house on the Main Square we are pleased to share ideas how to discover the city and its surrounding, what to experience in Kranj or which evening event to visit. You can rent a bike here, book a guided city tour, choose souvenirs or browse on the net.

### TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE – KRA NJ HOUSE

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**8 am – 6 pm**

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### GOOD TO KNOW

All **galleries and museums** are open every day of the week except Mondays.

Some galleries, shops and restaurants are closed **during**

**festive days: 1 and 2 January**

**27 April / 1 and 2 May / 25 June**

**15 August / 31 October**

**1 November / 25 and 26 December**

## WHEREVER YOU ARE, KRA NJ IS ALWAYS CLOSE.

Kranj as the capital of Slovenian Alps is the centre of winter and summer activities in nature. The nearest big city to Ljubljana is easily accessible from all parts of Slovenia. You can comfortably arrive by car, bus or train from all directions. At the same time, Kranj as an excellent starting point for discovering beautiful Gorenjska region.

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