



SURVIVAL GUIDE MARIBOR

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you make it move
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Slovenia is a central European country, surrounded by Austria, Croatia, Hungary and Italy. Its 20.256 km² places it among the smallest countries of the world, in exactly the 150th place among 190 countries.

A good half of the country is overgrown with forests. Slovenia is along with Finland and Sweden at the top of European countries. Its geographical position between the Alps, Pannonia lowlands, Dinarsko mountains and Mediterranean creates countryside with a hundred and one faces and gives the opportunity for adventure in the mountains, lowlands and seaside all at the same time in a matter of hours. The small size of the country corresponds also to the length of its seashore; we have 46 km in all, consequently Slovenia's two million inhabitants are proud and happy to share it with visitors. Slovenia also represents a crossroad of Romance, Germanic, Finno-Ugric and Slavonic languages. So it is not by chance that linguists in Slovenia have discovered more than 40 dialects and different cultures.



BASIC INFORMATION

Population: 2,055,496
 Size: 20,273 km²
 Highest mountain: 2864m
 Density: 101/km²
 Capital: Ljubljana
 Official languages: Slovene

Currency: Euro (€)
 Time zone: CET (UTC+1)
 - Summer CEST (UTC+2)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Police: 113
 Emergency centre/Fire brigade: 112

More on:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slovenia>
<http://www.slovenia.inf>

MARIBOR

BASIC INFO

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Maribor is the second biggest Slovene city; simultaneously it is the economic, cultural, scientific research, congress and a complete tourist centre of northeast Slovenia. It is also a traffic centre, as it is on the crossroads from west to east and southern Europe, just 11 km from the Austrian border. It has a continental position at 275 meters above sea level lying between Pohorje, Slovene hills and Kozjak on the gravelly terraces of the River Drava. Or more simply said: it lies in the green embrace of Pohorje and the wine growing hills along the river Drava.

Maribor, the capital of Štajerska, is one of the sunniest places in Slovenia. As the second largest Slovene city it offers all that its citizens need. The green surroundings give the opportunity for a quick hop to the top of Pohorje on the one side and wine growing hills on the other, or one can roam down by the River Drava, which wends its way through the city. This small city, embraced by rural surroundings, certainly contributes to making you feeling well.

You can also hear us rambling over the wine growing hills; these raise, so to speak, from the centre of the city where we also have the oldest vine in the world, the symbol of our wine culture. We also enjoy beer - if you want to please us then just mention that there is no beer like Laško, and that it can't possibly be compared with Union, beer produced in Ljubljana. You could say there is some rivalry between Maribor and Ljubljana, specially in football and beer.



Average summer temperature: 20 °C
 Average winter temperature: 2 °C
 No. of sunny days per year: 266

Due to the changes in climate - Mediterranean at the coast, Alpine in the Alps and Karavanke mountains, and Pannonian to the northeast of the country - the appropriate clothes for each season is recommended. Average temperatures in July are above 23°C and in January 0°C. In the summer it can be very hot at the coast and quite cold in the mountains. We advise you to check the weather forecast before coming to Slovenia.

Maribor is one of the sunniest places in Slovenia, for on an average it has 266 sunny days per year. Fog mainly occurs only in the winter in the early hours of the morning. Its favourable position also protects Mariborians and visitors from unpleasant winds. Maribor shares a strong Pannonian influence, and that is why the amount of rainfall in the city is somewhat lower (on an average 1050 mm per year). The most rain falls in the period from April to July, mostly as showers and heavy rain.

Maribor has, as is characteristic for a place in a continental climate, four seasons - winter, spring, summer and autumn.



Weather information:
<http://www.foreca.com/Slovenia/Maribor>



MONEY AND COSTS

Slovenian currency is **European Euro (€)**. Here are some prices that you can use as guidelines for the cost of life in Slovenia:

- * Beer (glass): 1,9 € to 2,2 € in a pub, 0.8 € in store.
- * Pizza: 5 - 6 €
- * Bread (1 kg): 1, 7 €
- * Bottle of decent wine: from 3,5 €
- * Coffee: from 1,3 €
- * Pack of cigarettes: 3,2 €

Stores

Working hours are mostly nonstop without lunch time closing.

- Weekdays: 8:00 to 19:00
- Saturdays: 8:00 to 13:00
- Sundays and holidays: On duty pharmacies, etc., and some private stores

Payment is in euros; most stores accept credit cards: AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS, MASTER CARD - EUROCARD, and VISA.

LANGUAGE

A FEW USEFUL WORDS IN SLOVENE

Hello zdravo
 Goodbye adijo
 How are you kako si?
 Thank you hvala
 Where is...? kje je ...?
 The price koliko stane?
 I don't speak Slovene ne govorim Slovensko

Today danes
 Tomorrow jutri
 Yesterday včeraj

NUMBERS

One ena
 Two dva
 Three tri

FOOD and DRINKS

Beer pivo
 Bread kruh
 Coffee kava
 Water voda

TO DO...

To dance plesati
 To drink piti
 To eat jesti
 To take a shower tuširati se
 To sing peti
 To sleep spati
 To wake up zbuditi se

TRAVELING

BY PLANE

There are several airports near to Maribor, however, none in Maribor.

Jože Pučnik Airport (Ljubljana)

The biggest airport in Slovenia is near to Ljubljana, but still only 100km from Maribor. There are currently 7 airlines flying to Ljubljana. The cheapest two being WizzAir and Easy Jet.
 More info here: <http://www.lju-airport.si/eng>

From the airport you can take a bus/shuttle to Ljubljana from where you can take a train to Maribor.

Ljubljana - airport

From Monday to Friday							
5.20*	6.10	7.10*	8.10*	9.10	10.10*	11.10	12.10*
13.10	14.10*	15.10	16.10*	17.10	18.10*	19.10	20.10*
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays							
6.10	9.10	11.10	13.10	15.10	17.10	19.10	

Legend: W - workdays, * - except from April 28th to 2nd of May.
 The price is 4,10 EUR.
 The journey time is approximately 45 minutes. Tickets are purchased on the bus or at the bus station. For information about ticket prices, please call: + 386 (0) 234 46 00 or check on www.ap-ljubljana.si.

Few sites where you can try to learn Slovene language

<http://www.carniola.org/category/you-will-never-learn-slovene/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGvJQR8TrEQ&list=UUbS3INqR4iUZ1xvg1xYAzZw&index=2>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUIdWu05Ik0&list=UUbS3INqR4iUZ1xvg1xYAzZw&index=1>



Venice (Marco Polo and Treviso)

Venice is also a good option to fly to. It is far, but there are a lot of low-cost connections and good options for getting to Maribor.

Vienna airport

Vienna airport is one of the biggest airports near Maribor. Only 4 hours away with train. Most of airlines fly there and getting to Maribor is easy.

Getting from airports to Maribor

You have several options how to reach your destination from the airport. From all of the above there are train connections (from the cities near). However this might take time and money. We recommend using shuttle services or carpooling.

Shuttle services:

<http://gopti.com/> (recommended)
<http://point2point.si/>

Carpooling:

<https://prevoz.org/intl/>
<http://www.carpooling.com/us/>

TRAVELING

BY TRAIN

You can travel to Maribor with different international trains. There are direct connections available with **Zagreb (CRO), Rijeka (CRO), Graz (A), and Vienna (A)**. On some lines it is necessary to change trains in Ljubljana or Zidani Most. Nearby Pragersko, which has good train services with Maribor, also enables fast train connections with **Budapest (H) and Venice (I)**.

Travel by train to Maribor from the direction:

- * Vienna - Graz - Maribor (Emona)
- * Zagreb - Dobova - Zidani most - Celje - Pragersko - Maribor
- * Budapest - Šentgotard - Graz-Maribor
- * Budapest - Lake Balaton - Hodoš - Murska Sobota - Ormož - Ptuj - Pragersko - Maribor
- * Budapest - Murakerestur - Zagreb - Maribor

Travelling by train around Slovenia can be very comfortable. It is possible to travel along the railway tracks from Ljubljana to Maribor in a little less than two hours. Trains of varied quality and class prices links Maribor also with a number of other Slovene places. **Slovene Railways (www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/)** offer a variety of home and international travelling discounts.

Railway station-information: + 386 (0) 29 13 332; 01 29 13 332
www.slo-zeleznice.si/en/ potnik.info@slo-zeleznice.si



BY BUS

Maribor is connected to Zagreb (CRO), Graz (A), Belgrade (YU), Amsterdam (NL) Rotterdam (NL) and most places in Germany by regular international bus lines. Otherwise Slovene towns are connected by regular bus services to Austria, Croatia, Germany and countries of the former Republic of Yugoslavia. Check <http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/eng/>

Maribor has also good bus services with other Slovene towns. However, it is recommended to travel by train between most Slovene places and cities, because the railway connections are more frequent and more often than not also cheaper.



TRAVELING

BY CAR

Drive by car to Maribor:

- * from the direction of Ljubljana A1/E57
- * from the direction of Graz A9/E57/E59
- * from the direction of Zagreb cesta E59
- * from the direction of Budapest E59/E65/E71/M7
- * from the direction of Trieste E57/E70
- * from the direction of Klagenfurt B80/B70
- * from the direction of Villach B80/B70/E66/B83

The distance between Maribor and other European cities:

- * Budapest 492 km
- * Belgrade 507 km
- * Frankfurt 1050 km
- * Graz 68 km
- * Milan 622 km
- * Munich 493 km
- * Prague 595 km
- * Salzburg 352 km
- * Split 460 km
- * Trieste 216 km
- * Venice 366 km
- * Vienna 255 km
- * Zagreb 113 km
- * Zürich 803 km
- * Ljubljana 123 km



If you are planing to drive all the way to Maribor we recomend using ViaMichelin site to plan your trip. It will help you estimate the cost and the time, also it provides you with grate directions. When choosing a destination, for now use Maribor train station. We will provide you with more instructions later on.

ViaMichelin: <http://www.viamichelin.com/>

THE MEETING POINT

No matter how you arrive to Maribor, the meeting point is train station Maribor at "Partizanska cesta 50, 2000 MARIBOR". You will get more information regarding the place where we are staying and how to reach it later on. We will help you as much as we can and give you the specific instructions depending how you plan to come to Maribor.

We are already ready for you! :D



WHAT TO BRING?

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- * **passport or ID card**
 - * **travel and medical (health) insurance**
 - * **any specific medicine you think you might need**
 - * **some money if your bank card fails you (or our ATMs think you spend too much :P)**
 - * **clothes for warm, hot weather and also for colder (in case it rains)**
 - * **clothes and shoes for walking and playing sports (social activities)**
 - * **typical food and drinks from your country for international evening**
 - * **music, flags, traditional outfit etc. from your country, also for international evening**
 - * **cameras and cables for computer, to gather the pictures**
 - * **alarm clock would be a nice thing to have so you can wake up in the morning! ;)**
 - * **you also need to bring a smile on your face and BEST spirit!**
 - * **computer for practical work**
- * **print this document, just in case you get lost**

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