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SURVIVAL GUIDE MARIBOR

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Official language: Slovenian

Capital city: Ljubljana

Population: 2,055,000

Total area: 20,273 km²

Currency: Euro

Member of EU: 2004

Phone prefix: +386

Other major cities: Maribor, Kranj, Celje, Koper, Velenje

Neighboring countries: Croatia, Austria, Italy, Hungary



IMPORTANT NUMBERS



Fire brigade: 122



Police: 113

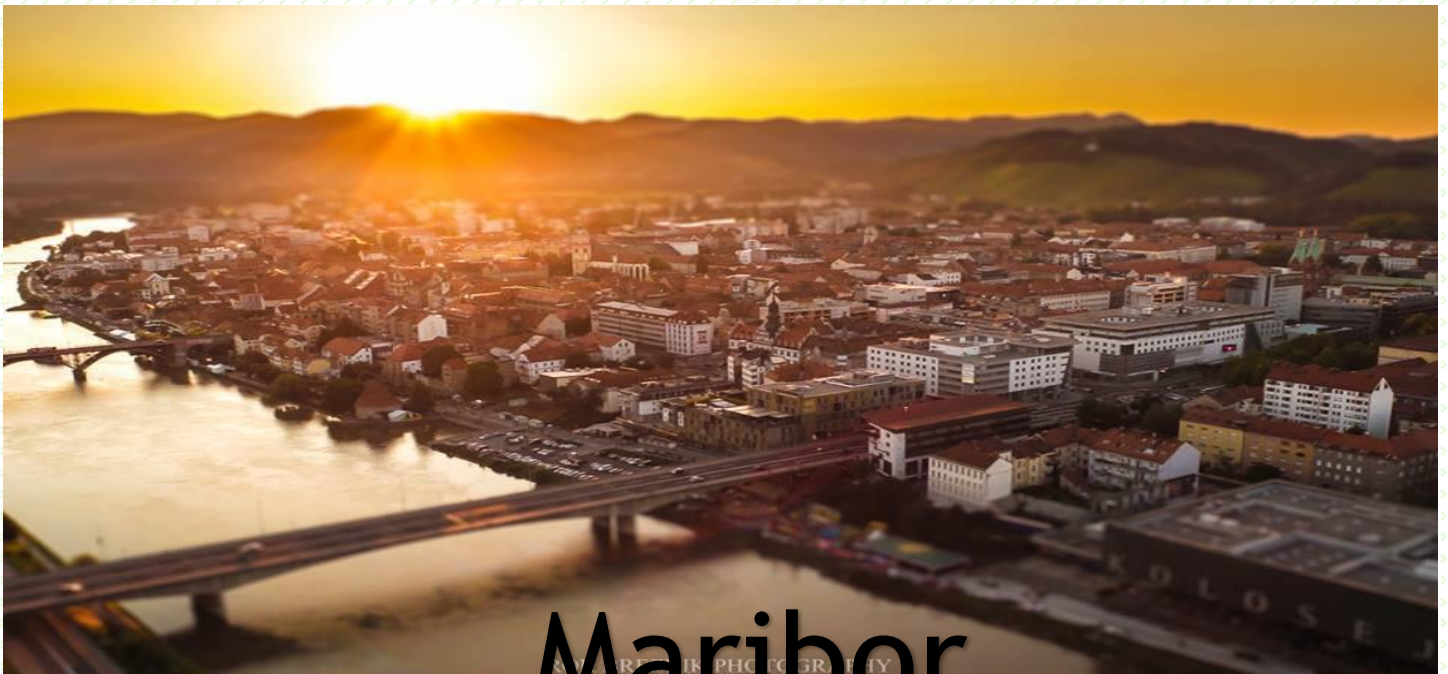


Ambulance: 112

More on:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slovenia>

<http://www.slovenia.inf>



Maribor

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, especially in football and beer.



Basic information

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Average summer temperature: 25 °C

Average winter temperature: -3 °C

No. of sunny days per year: 266

CURRENCY AND MONEY EXCHANGE

Banks will exchange foreign currency and travelers checks for Euros and vice versa. Foreign residents may open euro and foreign currency accounts, and it is possible to send money orders and transfer payments. Changing money is also possible at exchange offices in hotels, gasoline stations, tourist agencies, supermarkets, and numerous small exchange offices.



Hours of operation:

- Weekdays: 8:30-12:30 and 14:00-17:00
- Saturdays: 8:30 to 11:00/12:00

PRICES

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.

TAXI IN MARIBOR

Radio Taxi

Free phone number: +386 (0)80 12 22 Price: 0, 85 €/km

Taxi Plus

Free phone number: +386 (0)80 11 22 Price: 0, 7 €/km

Mikro Taxi

Phone number: +386 (0)2 42 15 888 +386 (0)41 444 222 Price: 0, 6 €/km

Mestni Taxi

Phone number: +386 (0)70363 102 Price: 0, 78€/km



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A FEW USEFUL WORDS IN SLOVENE:



How are you → **kako si?**

Thank you → **hvala**

Where is...? → **kje je ...?**

I don't speak Slovene → **ne govorim Slovensko**

One → **ena**

Two → **dva**

Three → **tri**

Good Afternoon → **Dober dan**

Please → Prosim What is your name? → **Kako ti je ime?**

Do you speak English? → **Govorite angleško?**

I don't understand. → **Ne razumem.**

I don't know. → **Ne vem.**

Shop → **Trgovina.**

Train → **Železniška postaja**

č is pronounced **ch**

š is pronounced **sh**

ž is pronounced like the soft **g** in garage

j is pronounced like **y** in yellow

Beer → **pivo**

Bread → **kruh**

Coffee → **kava**

The price → **koliko stane?**

Today → **danes**

Tomorrow → **jutri**

Yesterday → **včeraj**

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**

Hello → **zdravo**

Goodbye → **adijo**



HOW TO GET TO SLOVENIA

BY PLANE

Airport Jože Pučnik Ljubljana

Most of the air traffic in Slovenia is handled by airport in Ljubljana, from where also flies the Slovene aircraft carrier Adria Airways (www.adria.si). Ljubljana airport is a distance of 100 km from Maribor, which is a one and a half hour drive by car or two hours by train from Ljubljana.

Airport address: Zg. Brnik 130a, 4210 Brnik

- Reservation and Information Call Center
T: + 386 1 369 1010
E: booking@adria.si
Working hours: Monday - Friday: 08:00 - 18:00
- Airport Passenger Service
T: +386 (0)4 259 4245
E: ticketing@adria.si
Working hours: Monday - Sunday from 06:00 till 22:00



OTHER NEARBY AIRPORTS

Maribor's nearest international airport is 40 km away in Graz (Austria) and Klagenfurt (Austria) - 100 km. The airport in Zagreb (Croatia) is a distance of 100 km from Maribor.

- Graz Airport Internet: www.flughafen-graz.at
- Klagenfurt Airport Internet: www.klagenfurt-airport.at
- Zagreb Airport Internet: <http://www.zagreb-airport.hr/>

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)
- Venice Santa Lucia - Ljubljana - Maribor (EuroCity Casanova)
- 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: 080 19 10 or 1999 or 090 93 9801

Opening hours: from 6.00 to 22.00

<http://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, England, France, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and countries of the former Republic of Yugoslavia. 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. More information about bus services can be found on the website: www.ap-ljubljana.si or by telephone: 1991 – call center

- **Bus station Ljubljana**

AP Ljubljana, Trg OF 4, 1000 Ljubljana

Tel: +386 (0)1 23 44 600

E-mail: narocanje@ap-ljubljana.si

<http://www.ap-ljubljana.si>

- **Bus station Maribor**

Mlinska ulica 1, 2000 Maribor

Free information: 080 11 16

<http://www.marprom.si/en/>

BY CAR

Drive by car to the sub-region Maribor (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

Drive by car to the sub-region Koroška (Slovenj Gradec, north-west part of the county):

- from the direction of Ljubljana A1/E57
- from the direction of Graz B76/A2
- from the direction of Zagreb cesta E57/E59
- from the direction of Budapest E59/E65/E71
- from the direction of Trieste A1/E57/E70 * from the direction of Klagenfurt B80/B70
- from the direction of Villach B80/B70/E66/B84

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

- You will sleep in a student dormitory
- All food is provided so no need to worry, you won't be hungry ;) There are also shops nearby.

WHAT TO BRING

- passport or ID card
- international student ID card
- medicines (if needed)
- lap-top
- travel and medical (health) insurance
- 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 cable for computer, to gather the pictures
- alarm clock would be 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! ☺



CONTACT

For any question please send an e-mail at:

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When you will be in Slovenia or Maribor you can also call BEST-ies for help:



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Tip: keep the numbers in your mobile in case you need anything. 😊