

HOW TO ADAPT TO SLOVENIA?

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Were you ever worried about how you will adapt to Slovenia? Do not worry here, you will find some tips on how to achieve this goal.



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Main Facts

Slovenia's official name is Republic of Slovenia, but the only people that say that are politicians, everyone else simply calls it Slovenia. Slovenia has only 2,1 million people so it is normal that your friend is related to the wife of the president. Slovenia has 20,277 square kilometers which is good as you can swim and ski on the same day.

Slovenians speak Slovenian, which people say is extremely hard to learn because Slovenian has the second person and some difficult pronounced letters like ž,č,š. Slovenia's capital city is Ljubljana which is really nice because it is quite old and very green.

TABLE MANNERS



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Traditional food:

Kranjska Klobasa – Carniolan sausage

The Carniolan sausage is so famous that two regions fought over it. When it happened, sausages were flying all over Slovenia. The traditional Carniolan sausage goes with cabbage, but you can also put other things next to it. But keep in mind, be hungry when you eat it, otherwise you will blow up.

Prekmurska gibanica – Prekmurian Layer cake

It would be better if the fight would be over the Prekmurian layer cake, I mean it is a cake, right? The main ingredients are phyllo dough, raisins, poppy seeds, sugar, cinnamon, milk, whipping cream, curd cheese, eggs, sour cream, walnuts, apples, breadcrumbs and butter.

Goveja juha – Beef soup

Beef soup is probably the most traditional Slovenian food. Sometimes it is just the soup but sometimes it has also noodles or grated porridge. I personally adore beef soup and I eat it almost every day.

Table manners

The most important table manners are to look people in the eye while clinking glasses (you can also clink with water). Always make sure you clink glasses with everyone, do not forget someone. First serve to others, then to yourself and start eating only when everyone is served.

USEFUL PHRASES

The five most useful phrases are hello, goodbye, I am sorry, please and thank you. Hello is živijo and goodbye is adijo or nasvidenje. Please is prosim and thank you is hvala. I am sorry is oprosti or oprostite. It is also good to know yes and no which is ja and ne.

MAIN CELEBRATIONS



<https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/kurents1.jpg>

Pust

Pust is an event during which everyone dresses up in masks. Masks can be bought or homemade. You can dress up in anything you like (scary, funny...), you can just dress up in a paper bag, sprinkle yourself with crumbs and pretend you are a burger in a bag. It takes place all over Slovenia, but everyone celebrates it a little differently.

All Saints Day

The All Saints Day is a very special Slovenian celebration. On this day, all Slovenians visit the graves of people they know. They also light the candles. In the evening on 1st of November all the parking lots will be closed and a lot of shops (especially the little, private ones) will not be working. If you know someone that died or not you should at least go to the nearest cemetery, light a candle, and put it where a bunch of candles will be.

Labor Day

Labor Day is a work free day. It means that everything is closed, as well as all the shops, schools, offices... On Labor Day (1st and 2nd of May) a lot of people go on Holidays while some just go around a little or stay at home. It is also a national holiday which means that everyone hangs the Slovenian flag.

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<https://www.dieweltenbummler.de/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Zelenci-See.jpg>

Zelenci

Zelenci are a beautiful nature reserve in Kranjska Gora. It is the source of Sava Dolinka river, which is a part of the Sava River. The water is so green and beautiful that you will probably want to jump in, but unfortunately it is prohibited to swim there so do not waste your time bringing the swimsuit with you. I really recommend you to go there because it is incredibly beautiful and calming.

Planica

Planica is a park with a lot of ski jumps, a cross-country ski track and many other fun activities. Planica is very fun and the fun is not there just in the winter. When there is no snow, or if the ski jumps do not work, there is a zipline from the highest ski jump. If you scream, your voice will echo from the mountains.

Lipica

Lipica is the biggest Lipizzan stud farm. It has over 300 white Lipizzan horses. Apart from the horses, Lipica also has a lot of fun activities. You can ride the horses, ride in a carriage pulled by horses and they even have a show with Lipizzans. It is a wonderful experience, especially for horse lovers and children.

Transport



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The most common uses of transport in Slovenia are:

Taxi

There are a lot of Taxis in Slovenia. If you look around you may even see one, if not, you can call them, tell them your location, and go. In my experience, Taxi drivers are really nice. The most common Taxi companies are Taxi Ljubljana (070 900 900), Taxi Laguna (+386 (0) 1 777 1212) and Taxi Metro (080 11 90).

Bikes

On close locations a lot of people drive with bikes. There are rent a bike stations all over the major cities. Most of them are in Ljubljana. To rent a bike you need an Urbana, which is also used in libraries and on buses. All that you need to do is go to the nearest bike station, change the language, and follow the instructions. There are also a lot of bike lanes in Slovenia.

Bus

Buses are easy to travel with. All you need is a bus station and an Urbana card. Each bus station has a list of arrivals and departures of each bus that stops on that station. You can also find more information on [Javni holding Ljubljana | Ljubljanski potniški promet \(lpp.si\)](http://www.lpp.si).

Thank you for reading my blog. I hope you enjoyed it and that it will help you with adapting to Slovenia.

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